

LENS MODELS OF *HERSCHEL*-SELECTED GALAXIES FROM HIGH-RESOLUTION NEAR-IR OBSERVATIONS

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ABSTRACT

We present Keck-Adaptive Optics and *Hubble Space Telescope* high resolution near-infrared (IR) imaging for 500 μm bright candidate lensing systems identified by the *Herschel* Multi-tiered Extragalactic Survey and *Herschel* Astrophysical Terahertz Large Area Survey. Out of 87 candidates with near-IR imaging, 15 ($\sim 17\%$) display clear near-IR lensing morphologies. We present near-IR lens models to reconstruct and recover basic rest-frame optical morphological properties of the background galaxies from 12 new systems. Sources with the largest near-IR magnification factors also tend to be the most compact, consistent with the size bias predicted from simulations and previous lensing models for submillimeter galaxies (SMGs). For four new sources that also have high-resolution submillimeter maps, we test for differential lensing between the stellar and dust components and find that the 880 μm magnification factor (μ_{880}) is ~ 1.5 times higher than the near-IR magnification factor (μ_{NIR}), on average. We also find that the stellar emission is ~ 2 times more extended in size than dust. The rest-frame optical properties of our sample of *Herschel*-selected lensed SMGs are consistent with those of unlensed SMGs, which suggests that the two populations are similar.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Dusty star-forming galaxies (DSFGs; for a recent review, see Casey et al. 2014), selected for being bright in the infrared or submillimeter regimes, are responsible for the bulk of cosmic star-formation in the early universe (e.g., Le Floc'h et al. 2005; Takeuchi et al. 2005). Submillimeter galaxies (SMGs; Smail et al. 1997; Hughes et al. 1998; Barger et al. 1998, and see Blain et al. 2002 for a review), an 850–880 μm bright subset of the

DSFG population, present an appealing opportunity to study an important phase in galaxy evolution at the peak of cosmic star-formation. The negative *K*-correction in the Rayleigh–Jeans tail of thermal dust emission at the (sub)millimeter regime forms an approximately constant infrared (IR) luminosity limit across a wide range in redshift ($z = 1\text{--}8$). This effectively allows SMGs to be readily detected in submillimeter surveys. Since their discovery 17 years ago, we have learned that SMGs are massive ($M_* \sim 10^{11} M_\odot$; Michałowski et al. 2010; Hainline

et al. 2011; Bussmann et al. 2012; Targett et al. 2013), gas-rich ($M_{\text{gas}} \sim 10^{10-11} M_{\odot}$; Greve et al. 2005; Tacconi et al. 2008; Ivison et al. 2011; Bothwell et al. 2013), and metal-rich ($Z \sim Z_{\odot}$; Swinbank et al. 2004) galaxies at a median redshift of $z \sim 2.5$ (Chapman et al. 2005) that could be undergoing a short burst of star-formation ($t \sim 50\text{--}100$ Myr; Tacconi et al. 2008; Narayanan et al. 2010; Lapi et al. 2011; Hickox et al. 2012; Simpson et al. 2013). They have the most extreme star-formation rates, which can be as high as $10^3 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ and compose 20%–30% of the total comoving star-formation rate density (ρ_{SFR}) at $z \sim 2.5$ (Chapman et al. 2005; Wardlow et al. 2011; Casey et al. 2013). This is comparable to the total contribution of mid-IR selected galaxies at the same epoch, although SMGs are fewer in number but have larger IR luminosities (e.g., Farrah et al. 2008; Hernán-Caballero et al. 2009; Calanog et al. 2013).

From an evolutionary standpoint, it has long been proposed that ultra-luminous infrared galaxies ($L_{\text{IR}} \geq 10^{12} L_{\odot}$), which include SMGs, are an intense star-forming phase that precedes the growth of the active galactic nuclei (AGNs) hosted by massive elliptical galaxies (Sanders et al. 1988). Multiple lines of evidence suggest that SMGs are the likely progenitors of massive elliptical galaxies (Lilly et al. 1999; Swinbank et al. 2006; Tacconi et al. 2008; Michałowski et al. 2010; Lapi et al. 2011; Hickox et al. 2012; Toft et al. 2014). For instance, $\leq 30\%$ of SMGs are known to harbor AGNs, supporting formation scenarios in which massive elliptical galaxies evolve from a quasar-dominated phase (Alexander et al. 2003; Pope et al. 2008; Coppin et al. 2010). Furthermore, clustering analyses indicate that SMGs are hosted by $10^{13} M_{\odot}$ dark matter halos and have space densities of $\sim 10^{-5} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$, consistent with optically selected quasars at $z \sim 2$ and $2\text{--}3 L^*$ elliptical galaxies at $z \sim 0$ (e.g., Blain et al. 2004b; Farrah et al. 2006; Hickox et al. 2012).

While our knowledge of SMGs has definitely advanced, their dominant formation mechanism is still unclear. One picture proposes that SMGs are a result of gas-rich major-mergers (Tacconi et al. 2006, 2008; Schinnerer et al. 2008; Engel et al. 2010) while another favors them as being extreme analogues of normal star-forming galaxies, fed with gas through minor mergers and smooth infall (Finlator et al. 2006; Dekel et al. 2009; Davé et al. 2010). Observational studies that focus on SMG morphologies can help clarify this issue, and would require analysis in wavelength regimes that trace the constituent gas, dust, and stars. However, SMG morphologies are difficult to study with current instruments because of poor spatial resolution, insufficient sensitivity, or both. Here, we circumvent these difficulties by studying SMGs that are strongly gravitationally lensed. The lensed background source receives a boost in apparent flux by a factor of μ , where μ is the magnification factor, enabling the study of emission that would otherwise be too faint to detect. In addition, the apparent size of the background source is increased by a factor of $\sim \sqrt{\mu}$ (Schneider 1992)—allowing high-spatial resolution studies of the lensed galaxies, even if they are at high redshift.

The obvious benefits of studying SMGs via gravitational lensing sparked interest in producing an efficient and straightforward method to identify strong-lensing events. Efficient strong lensing event identification through bright source selection in wide-area extragalactic submillimeter/millimeter surveys has been long proposed (Blain 1996; Perrotta et al. 2002; Negrello et al. 2007; Paciga et al. 2009). The idea behind this selection method exploits the fact that sources that are intrinsically submillimeter bright are also very rare (e.g., see Weiß et al. 2009). This implies that a significant fraction of the

submillimeter bright population could be lensed and flatten the observed declining number counts at large flux densities. This flattening, however, could also be caused by contaminants such as local late-type spiral galaxies and flat spectrum radio quasars (Negrello et al. 2007) which can be removed trivially through optical and radio surveys (e.g., Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS), Abazajian et al. 2003; NVSS, Condon et al. 1998). Thus, after removing such contaminants, a large fraction of the brightest submillimeter sources are expected to be strongly lensed and lie at $z \geq 1$.

The launch of the *Herschel Space Observatory*²⁸ (Pilbratt et al. 2010) ushered in the possibility of confirming these theoretical predictions. Indeed, the two largest wide-area submillimeter surveys, the *Herschel* Multi-Tiered Extragalactic Survey (HerMES; Oliver et al. 2012) and the *Herschel* Astrophysical Terahertz Large Area Survey (H-ATLAS; Eales et al. 2010) have provided the first samples of candidate lensing systems by selecting $500 \mu\text{m}$ bright sources. Since then, high-resolution, spatially resolved multi-wavelength follow-up observations have confirmed that a large fraction (70%–100%) of these candidates are undoubtedly lensed (Negrello et al. 2010; Gavazzi et al. 2011; Bussmann et al. 2012, 2013; Wardlow et al. 2013).

This paper focuses on studying the background lensed galaxies with new high-resolution near-IR data for 87 $500 \mu\text{m}$ bright candidate lensing systems discovered by H-ATLAS and HerMES. A comprehensive analysis of the properties of the foreground lenses is deferred to a future publication (S. Amber et al., in preparation). Near-IR observations of *Herschel*-selected $500 \mu\text{m}$ bright lensed SMGs allow one to characterize the stellar distribution at spatial resolutions that are unachievable with the current facilities. Furthermore, since classically selected SMGs are $850\text{--}880 \mu\text{m}$ bright, we can directly compare their rest-frame optical properties, such as their luminosities, against the $500 \mu\text{m}$ bright population. This comparison can help clarify any differences between these two SMG populations, which can potentially arise from their submillimeter selections. Aside from their rest-frame optical luminosities, the morphological information recovered from reconstructing the background galaxy can also be used to compare against previous studies of unlensed SMGs (Swinbank et al. 2010; Targett et al. 2011, 2013; Aguirre et al. 2013). In this context, the morphological study of lensed SMGs at an unprecedented spatial resolution can provide observational evidence to determine the formation mechanisms that are present. Finally, these high-resolution near-IR observations complement previous studies done on lensed SMGs using high-resolution submillimeter facilities (Bussmann et al. 2013; Weiß et al. 2013; Hezaveh et al. 2013; Vieira et al. 2013). Any sources that overlap between the near-IR and the submillimeter can be used to study the morphologies, spatial distribution, and the effects of differential magnification between the older stellar population and the dust-emitting star-forming regions of the same galaxy.

All of the candidate lensing systems in this paper have been observed using either the *Hubble Space Telescope's* (HST) Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3) in the *J* band (F110W, $\lambda = 1.15 \mu\text{m}$) or Keck II Near-Infrared Camera 2 (NIRC2) with laser guide star adaptive optics system (LGS-AO; Wizinowich et al. 2006) in the *K* ($\lambda = 2.2 \mu\text{m}$) band. We model the lensing in 12 galaxy-scale lensing systems with new near-IR data that have high-significance lensing morphology detections and sufficiently

²⁸ *Herschel* is an ESA space observatory with science instruments provided by European-led Principal Investigator consortia and with important participation from NASA.

constrained configurations. From our lens models, we determine the magnification in the near-IR and the source-plane emission regions. Of these 12, 6 of the systems were also studied in the submillimeter by Bussmann et al. (2013). By comparing the lensing in the submillimeter and near-IR, we quantify the effects of differential lensing and measure the size difference of stellar and dust components. Using our near-IR data and lens models, we measure the intrinsic photometry for lensed SMGs and estimate their rest-frame absolute B -band magnitudes.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we summarize the submillimeter lensed candidate selection and describe our high-resolution near-IR observations and data reduction process. Our classification of candidate lensing systems is presented in Section 3. Section 4 describes our lens modeling methodology and individual notes on each strong lensing system. We then discuss our results and compare them with previous studies of both lensed and unlensed SMGs in Section 5. Finally, we summarize our findings and conclusions in Section 6.

We adopt a Λ CDM cosmology, with $H_o = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$, $\Omega_m = 0.3$, and $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$. Unless otherwise stated, all magnitudes reported are in the AB system (Fukugita et al. 1996).

2. LENSED CANDIDATE SELECTION AND NEAR-IR OBSERVATIONS

In this section we summarize the selection criteria used to define our sample and describe the data acquisition and reduction of our high-resolution near-IR imaging of the galaxies. A summary of all the targets observed, along with their integration times and observation dates are found in Table 1. Of the 87 near-IR targets, 49 (56%) HerMES/H-ATLAS sources are observed with Keck/NIRC2-LGS-AO, 42 (48%) HerMES sources with *HST*/WFC3 F110W (with 15 (17%) HerMES sources observed using both instruments).

2.1. Selection of Candidate Lensing Systems

The targets of this study are selected from the Spectral and Photometric Imaging REceiver (SPIRE; Griffin et al. 2010) maps in the HerMES (Oliver et al. 2012) and H-ATLAS (Eales et al. 2010) fields. Targets are identified in the same way in both surveys, using the SPIRE 500 μm channel to minimize the number of contaminants (Negrello et al. 2007, 2010). The *Herschel*-SPIRE data reduction and photometry procedures differ slightly for each survey, with the main difference being that HerMES accounts for blending from positional priors that can result in detecting fainter objects while H-ATLAS only retains sources above 5σ . Even with this difference, the 500 μm number counts appear consistent (Oliver et al. 2010; Clements et al. 2010). Full details of the H-ATLAS map-making data reduction and source extraction are presented in Pascale et al. (2011) and Rigby et al. (2011). For HerMES, see Levenson et al. (2010), Roseboom et al. (2010), and Smith et al. (2012), with updates in Viero et al. (2013) and Wang et al. (2014). Both procedures are summarized below.

For HerMES, SPIRE maps were generated using the SPIRE-HerMES Iterative Mapper (SHIM) algorithm (Levenson et al. 2010). The most updated point-source catalogs use an iterative source-detection scheme of STARFINDER (Diolaiti et al. 2000) and the De-blend SPIRE Photometry (DESPHOT) algorithm (Roseboom et al. 2010, 2012; Wang et al. 2014). STARFINDER is used to detect and find the optimal positions of point sources in SPIRE maps by assuming that the observed images can

be modeled as a superposition of point-response functions. These source positions are then used as inputs for DESPHOT to perform map segmentation (de-blending), source photometry, background estimation, and noise (instrumental and confusion) estimation.

For sources identified by H-ATLAS fields, source extraction is performed using the Multi-band Algorithm for Source eXtraction (MADX; S. D. Maddox et al., in preparation) on *Herschel* Interactive Processing Environment generated SPIRE maps (Pascale et al. 2011). MADX iteratively performs point-spread function (PSF) fitting and subtraction to measure flux densities and positions for each band. Sources that are detected at $\geq 5\sigma$ (including confusion noise of $\approx 6 \text{ mJy}$ at all bands; Nguyen et al. 2010) in any of the bands are retained in the final catalogs.

In both surveys lensing candidates are selected by applying a high flux cut at 500 μm , which for H-ATLAS is $S_{500} \geq 100 \text{ mJy}$ (Negrello et al. 2010), where S_{500} is the 500 μm flux density, and for HerMES is $S_{500} \geq 80 \text{ mJy}$ (Wardlow et al. 2013). Sources that are not associated with local late-type galaxies or flat-spectrum radio galaxies are retained as lensing candidates. The targeted sources are presented in Table 3, along with their SPIRE 250, 350, and 500 μm flux densities and redshifts.

We should also clarify that our selection in HerMES at $S_{500} \geq 80 \text{ mJy}$ was applied on an initial source catalog, extracted from blind detections using SUSSEXtractor (Savage & Oliver 2007; Smith et al. 2012), but subsequent iterations of HerMES data products resulted in better deblending of 500 μm flux densities with 250 μm positions as a prior (Wang et al. 2014). This results in some of the sources initially categorized as candidate lensing systems (having $S_{500} \geq 80 \text{ mJy}$), with a final lower probability of being lensed at $\leq 40\%$, based on the statistical models of Wardlow et al. (2013) that uses the foreground lensing matter distribution, unlensed SMG number counts, and an assumed SMG redshift distribution. As a result, some are confirmed as bonafide lenses and we keep them in our sample, as they have been followed-up but we exclude them for statistics involving lensed SMGs at the bright 500 μm flux densities.

Figure 1 shows S_{350} as a function of the flux density ratio S_{350}/S_{500} for the targeted candidate lensing systems with high-resolution near-IR imaging. By design, our targeted sources are biased toward those that are brightest at 500 μm , although they have similar 350/500 μm colors (with $S_{350}/S_{500} \geq 1$ for most systems) to the bulk of the SPIRE population. This indicates that *Herschel*-selected lensed galaxies and the SPIRE population have similar far-IR spectral energy distribution (SED) shapes, dust temperatures, and redshift distribution but will have larger apparent IR luminosities due to flux boosting effects from lensing (Wardlow et al. 2013; Bussmann et al. 2013).

2.2. Keck NIRC2/LGS-AO

We have obtained Keck/NIRC2 LGS-AO imaging for *Herschel*-candidate lensing systems. Conditions were typically good, characterized by clear skies and seeing values of $\sim 0''.8$ from our successful observing runs from 2011 to 2013. We observe our targets primarily using the K_s filter ($\lambda_c = 2.2 \mu\text{m}$), mainly because Keck-AO performs the best at longer wavelengths and K_s gives the optimal sensitivity because the background is minimal at this wavelength (Simons & Tokunaga 2002). Typical integration times for each source are ~ 45 minutes to acquire a 5σ point source depth of 25.7 AB using a $0''.1$ aperture radius. We use the wide camera that has a $40'' \times 40''$ field of view and sub-arcsecond dithering steps. The

Table 1
Summary of High Resolution Data

IAU Name	Short Name	Exp. Time Filter ^a = $t_{\text{int}}^b \times N_{\text{frames}}^c$	Depth ^d AB mag
1HerMES S250 J002854.0–420457	HELAISS04	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.8$
1HerMES S250 J002906.3–421420	HELAISS01	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.4$
1HerMES S250 J003823.7–433705	HELAISS02	$J = 125 \times 4$	$J = 25.7$
1HerMES S250 J021620.0–032520	HXMM26	$K_p = 60 \times 30$	$K_p = 25.6^e$
1HerMES S250 J021632.1–053422	HXMM14	$J = 125 \times 4$	$J = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J021830.6–053125	HXMM02	$J = 177 \times 4, K_p = 60 \times 18$	$J = 26.3, K_p = 25.6^e$
1HerMES S250 J021836.7–035316	HXMM13	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J021942.9–052433	HXMM20	$J = 125 \times 4$	$J = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J022016.6–060144	HXMM01	$J = 62 \times 4, K_s = 80 \times 35$	$J = 25.5, K_s = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J022021.8–015329	HXMM04	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J022029.2–064846	HXMM09	$J = 62 \times 4, H = 120 \times 12, K = 80 \times 15$	$J = 25.2, H = 24.8, K = 24.5$
1HerMES S250 J022135.2–062618	HXMM03	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.4$
1HerMES S250 J022201.7–033340	HXMM11	$K_s = 100 \times 18$	$K_s = 25.6^e$
1HerMES S250 J022205.5–070727	HXMM23	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.2$
1HerMES S250 J022212.9–070224	HXMM28	$J = 125 \times 4$	$J = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J022250.8–032414	HXMM22	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.4$
1HerMES S250 J022515.3–024707	HXMM19	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.3$
1HerMES S250 J022517.5–044610	HXMM27	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J022547.9–041750	HXMM05	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.8$
1HerMES S250 J023006.0–034153	HXMM12	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.2$
1HerMES S250 J032434.4–292646	HECDFS08	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.4$
1HerMES S250 J032443.1–282134	HECDFS03	$J = 125 \times 4$	$J = 25.4$
1HerMES S250 J032636.4–270045	HECDFS05	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J032712.7–285106	HECDFS09	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.5$
1HerMES S250 J033118.0–272015	HECDFS11	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.3$
1HerMES S250 J033210.8–270536	HECDFS04	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 26.0$
1HerMES S250 J033732.5–295353	HECDFS02	$J = 177 \times 4$	$J = 26.8$
1HerMES S250 J043340.5–540338	HADFS04	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J043829.8–541832	HADFS02	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.7$
1HerMES S250 J044154.0–540351	HADFS01	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.5$
1HerMES S250 J044946.6–525427	HADFS09	$J = 125 \times 4$	$J = 25.3$
1HerMES S250 J045027.1–524126	HADFS08	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.1$
1HerMES S250 J045057.6–531654	HADFS03	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.3$
HATLASJ083051.0+013224	G09v1.97	$K_s = 80 \times 41$	$K_s = 25.5$
HATLASJ084933.4+021443	G09v1.124	$K = 80 \times 17$	$K = 24.5$
HATLASJ084957.6+010712	G09v1.1259	$K_s = 80 \times 30$	$K_s = 25.7$
HATLASJ085358.9+015537	G09v1.40	$K_s = 80 \times 45$	$K_s = 26.2$
HATLASJ090319.6+015636	SDP.301	$K_s = 80 \times 26$	$K_s = 25.7$
HATLASJ090542.1+020734	SDP.127	$K_s = 80 \times 24$	$K_s = 25.4$
HATLASJ091840.8+023047	G09v1.326	$K_s = 80 \times 41$	$K_s = 25.9$
1HerMES S250 J100030.6+024142	HCOSMOS03	$K_s = 80 \times 45$	$K_s = 25.6^e$
1HerMES S250 J100057.1+022010	HCOSMOS02	$J = 177 \times 4, K_s = 80 \times 45$	$J = 26.3, K_s = 25.6^e$
1HerMES S250 J100144.2+025712	HCOSMOS01	$J = 62 \times 4, K_s = 80 \times 23$	$J = 25.4, K_s = 25.6^e$
1HerMES S250 J103330.0+563315	HLock15	$J = 125 \times 4$	$J = 25.5$
1HerMES S250 J103618.5+585456	HLock05	$J = 62 \times 4, K_s = 80 \times 44$	$J = 26.0, K_s = 25.6^e$
1HerMES S250 J103826.6+581543	HLock04	$J = 62 \times 4, H = 120 \times 30, K_s = 80 \times 33$	$J = 25.6, H = 25.5, K_s = 25.2$
1HerMES S250 J103957.8+563120	HLock17	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J104050.6+560653	HLock02	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.9$
1HerMES S250 J104140.3+570858	HLock11	$J = 177 \times 4, K_s = 80 \times 40$	$J = 26.4, K_s = 26.1$
1HerMES S250 J104549.2+574512	HLock06	$J = 62 \times 4, K_s = 80 \times 34$	$J = 25.5, K_s = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J105551.4+592845	HLock08	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.7$
1HerMES S250 J105712.2+565458	HLock03	$J = 62 \times 4, K_s = 80 \times 41$	$J = 26.2, K_s = 25.8$
1HerMES S250 J105750.9+573026	HLock01	$J = 62 \times 4, K_p = 64 \times 15, K_s = 80 \times 12$	$J = 25.5, K_p = 25.4, K_s = 25.6^e$
1HerMES S250 J110016.3+571736	HLock12	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.9$
HATLASJ113526.4+014606	G12v2.43	$K_s = 80 \times 26$	$K_s = 26.0$
HATLASJ114638.0+001132	G12v2.30	$K_s = 80 \times 42$	$K_s = 25.3$
HATLASJ115101.8+020024	G12v2.105	$K_s = 80 \times 26$	$K_s = 25.7$
HATLASJ132426.9+284452	NB.v1.43	$H = 120 \times 14, K_s = 80 \times 48$	$H = 25.6, K_s = 26.0$
HATLASJ132630.1+334410	NA.v1.195	$K_s = 80 \times 35$	$K_s = 25.9$
HATLASJ132859.3+292327	NA.v1.177	$K_s = 80 \times 28$	$K_s = 25.9$
HATLASJ133008.3+245900	NB.v1.78	$H = 120 \times 9, K_s = 80 \times 20$	$H = 25.5, K_s = 25.7$
HATLASJ133255.8+342209	NA.v1.267	$K_s = 80 \times 42$	$K_s = 26.4$
HATLASJ141351.9+000026	G15v2.235	$K_s = 80 \times 16$	$K_s = 25.3$
1HerMES S250 J142201.4+533214	HEGS01	$J = 125 \times 4$	$J = 26.1$

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IAU Name	Short Name	Exp. Time Filter ^a = $t_{\text{int}}^b \times N_{\text{frames}}^c$	Depth ^d AB mag
HATLASJ142413.9+022303	G15v2.779	$K_s = 80 \times 27$	$K_s = 25.4$
1HerMES S250 J142557.6+332547	HBoötes09	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.5$
1HerMES S250 J142650.6+332943	HBoötes04	$K_s = 80 \times 36$	$K_s = 25.8$
1HerMES S250 J142748.7+324729	HBoötes11	$K_s = 80 \times 35$	$K_s = 25.4$
1HerMES S250 J142824.0+352620	HBoötes03	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J142825.7+345547	HBoötes02	$J = 62 \times 4, H = 120 \times 28, K_s = 80 \times 27$	$J = 25.6, H = 25.9, K_s = 25.2$
HATLASJ142935.3-002836	G15v2.19	$H = 120 \times 10, K_s = 80 \times 15$	$H = 25.6, K_s = 25.2$
1HerMES S250 J143204.9+325908	HBoötes10	$K_s = 80 \times 46$	$K_s = 25.3$
1HerMES S250 J143330.7+345439	HBoötes01	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.5$
1HerMES S250 J143543.5+344743	HBoötes12	$J = 62 \times 4, K_s = 80 \times 36$	$J = 25.5, K_s = 25.9$
1HerMES S250 J143702.0+344635	HBoötes08	$K_s = 80 \times 36$	$K_s = 25.8$
1HerMES S250 J144015.7+333055	HBoötes13	$K_s = 80 \times 37$	$K_s = 25.9$
1HerMES S250 J144029.8+333845	HBoötes07	$K_s = 80 \times 36$	$K_s = 25.9$
HATLASJ144556.1-004853	G15v2.481	$K_s = 80 \times 34$	$K_s = 26.0$
1HerMES S250 J161331.4+544359	HELAIN01	$J = 125 \times 4$	$J = 25.4$
1HerMES S250 J161334.4+545046	HELAIN04	$K_s = 80 \times 45$	$K_s = 25.6$
1HerMES S250 J170507.6+594056	HFLS07	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.5$
1HerMES S250 J170607.7+590922	HFLS03	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 26.7$
1HerMES S250 J170817.6+582845	HFLS05	$J = 125 \times 4$	$J = 24.5$
1HerMES S250 J171450.9+592634	HFLS02	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.3$
1HerMES S250 J171544.9+601239	HFLS08	$J = 62 \times 4$	$J = 25.5$
1HerMES S250 J172222.3+582609	HFLS10	$J = 355 \times 4, K_s = 80 \times 18$	$J = 26.5, K_s = 25.1$
1HerMES S250 J172612.0+583743	HFLS01	$J = 177 \times 4$	$J = 25.2$

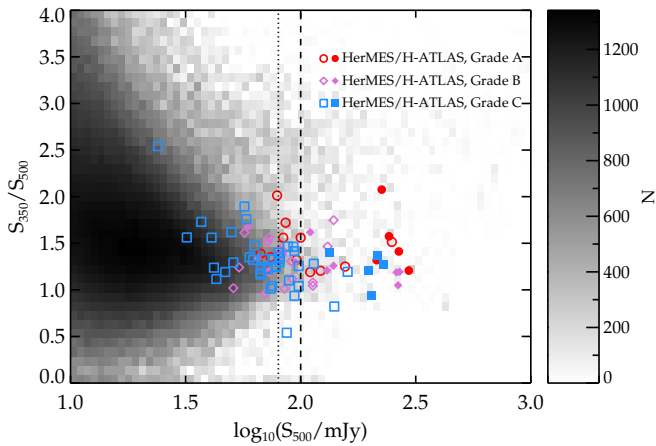
Notes.^a Filters are J = *HST* F110W, H = Keck H -band, K_s = Keck K_s band, K = Keck K -band, and K_p = Keck K_p -band.^b t_{int} is the exposure time per frame.^c N_{frames} is the number of independent frames.^d 5σ point-source depth calculated using the specifications outlined in Sections 2.2 and 2.3.^e Depth calculated using average zero point ($\Delta m_{\text{zpt}} = 0.4$) due to the absence of a suitable point source in the frame.

Figure 1. S_{350}/S_{500} as a function of S_{500} for SPIRE galaxies in HerMES and H-ATLAS. Open and filled symbols correspond to HerMES and H-ATLAS candidate lensing systems with high-resolution near-IR imaging, respectively. Red circles, violet diamonds, and blue squares are assigned the Grade A, B, and C, respectively, on the basis of their near-IR lensing morphologies, as discussed in Section 3. The vertical dotted and dashed lines correspond to $S_{500} = 80$ and 100 mJy. HerMES lensing systems with $S_{500} \leq 80$ mJy were selected from an initial source catalog and here we show the most updated S_{500} value. The majority of the targeted candidate lensing systems are biased toward larger $500 \mu\text{m}$ flux densities, but have S_{350}/S_{500} ratios similar to the fainter population. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

spatial resolution with AO correction reaches $0''.1$ in the best conditions and the estimated Strehl ratios were $\sim 15\%$ – 25% . Some of the targets showing clear signs of lensing are also observed in the H ($\lambda_c = 1.6 \mu\text{m}$) band. However, we do our lens modeling

(Section 4) only in the K band where the signal to noise is at its highest. We used custom IDL scripts to reduce the images, following standard procedures (Fu et al. 2012, 2013). Briefly, after bad pixel masking, background subtraction, and flat-fielding, sky background and object masks were updated iteratively. For each frame, after subtracting a scaled median sky, the residual background was removed with two-dimensional B-spline models. In the last iteration, we discard frames of the poorest image quality and correct the camera distortion using the on-sky distortion solution from observations of the globular cluster M92.²⁹ Since image distortion has been removed in previous steps, astrometry is calibrated against four to five non-saturated SDSS sources in the final mosaicked field of view with a linear offset. The mean offset is weighted by the S/N of the sources, so that offsets computed from brighter sources carry more weight.

The NIRC2 images are flux calibrated against UKIDSS K_s -band photometry, when available. Each frame is PSF matched and corrected for airmass and we use the UKIDSS aperture radius of $1''$ to perform our calibration. Photometric zero points are derived by calculating the magnitude difference for overlapping sources. For NIRC2 frames that do not overlap with UKIDSS footprints, we use the night-averaged zero point and its standard deviation to account for the associated systematic error.

For the PSF used in our lens modeling analysis (Section 4), we use a nearby unsaturated point source whenever available. Otherwise, point sources from other images observed on the

²⁹ <http://www2.keck.hawaii.edu/inst/nirc2/dewarp.html>

Table 2
Grading Rubric Summary for Lensed SMGs

NIR Lens Morphology	SMG and Lens Redshift	SMG Only Redshift	Lens Only Redshift	Neither
Obvious	A1	A2	A3	A4
Marginal	B1	B2	B3	B4
None	C1	C2	C3	C4

same day are used, while keeping the airmass difference within 0.2 and applying the appropriate rotation.

2.3. *HST*/WFC3

Herschel-lensing candidates in the HerMES fields have also been observed as part of the *HST* WFC3 Cycle 19 snapshot program (PI: M. Negrello). All are observed with the F110W filter ($\lambda_c = 1.15 \mu\text{m}$), using a four-point parallelogram dither pattern with point and line spacings of $0''.57$ and $0''.36$, respectively. Most of the images have a total integration time of four minutes per target, while a few sources that have red SPIRE colors ($S_{500} \geq S_{350}$) have doubled integration times, because these sources could be at higher redshifts and thus likely fainter than in near-IR (Dowell et al. 2014).

The `calwfc3` processed flat-fielded data from the *HST*/WFC3 pipeline are used as inputs for `multidrizzle` (Koekemoer et al. 2003), producing an output image with a pixel scale of $0''.04$ to allow adequate sampling of the PSF and to match the pixel scale of the Keck images. Due to some fields being crowded by bright sources, we turn off sky subtraction on all WFC3 frames and set the drop size parameter, “pixfrac” = 1, in order to minimize additional noise due to sky variations. We set the “bits” parameter to the value of 4608 to include pipeline-rejected pixels and dust motes, since our dithering pattern is not large enough to fill in these regions with good data. To account for the uncertainty in each pixel value, an error map is generated to account for the rms value of the sky and the Poisson error each pixel. The resulting output images have a spatial resolution of $\sim 0''.2$ and an average 5σ point source depth of 25.4 and 26.2 AB mag for integration times of 4 and 8 minutes, using a $0''.2$ aperture radius.

We use a different PSF extraction method for *HST*/WFC3 images. Since *HST*/WFC3 covers a field of view of $2' \times 2'$, we use `starfinder` to stack on unsaturated point sources within the image to generate the PSF used for our lens modeling analysis.

3. CLASSIFICATION OF LENSING CANDIDATES

For our 87 lensing candidates with high-resolution near-IR data, we implement a two-step grading rubric to identify sources for which we could perform our lens modeling analysis to derive magnification factors and recover the intrinsic properties of the SMG. In this section, we describe our rubric that prioritizes bonafide lensing morphologies and available redshifts for the background source. The resulting grade for each candidate lensing system is listed in Table 3 and our grading rubric is summarized in Table 2.

3.1. Visual Identification of Lensing Morphologies

For each target we assign a letter grade based on the existence and quality of any lensing features that are present in the near-IR data. Candidates that are classified as Grade A are of high-priority and are what we assume to be confirmed lensing systems. To the zeroth order, these are typically sources that show

obvious lensing morphology such as rings, arcs, and counter-images, detected at high-significance. Some candidates that are more ambiguous (e.g., HLock12, HFLS08, and HECDFS05) are also classified as Grade A when a possible counter-image after subtracting the foreground galaxy is revealed and the observed lensing configuration can be successfully modeled. As an additional check to boost our confidence, we also confirm if the suspected near-IR lensing morphologies trace the observed configuration from existing high-resolution submillimeter data (Bussmann et al. 2013) or are located within the beam ($3''$ – $4''$) of radio observations for blind spectroscopy (D. A. Riechers et al., in preparation). Grade B sources can usually be described as systems with ambiguous low signal-to-noise features surrounding a relatively brighter galaxy which could either be due to lensing or be part of the galaxy itself. Deeper high-resolution data or observations in different wavelength regimes are needed to confirm the lensing status of these systems. These sources may also be intrinsically unlensed (Dowell et al. 2014) or only moderately lensed, such is the case with HXMM01 (Fu et al. 2013). Grade C sources are assigned to candidates of lowest priority for our study. The near-IR images for these targets typically show no detections within $15''$ of the measured $250 \mu\text{m}$ SPIRE position or sources with compact irregular morphologies that do not resemble any lensing morphologies. Like Grade B systems, we interpret that our sample of Grade C sources could also include sources that are intrinsically bright in the far-IR. The near-IR lens models presented in this paper focuses on Grade A sources, which are shown in Figure 2.

3.2. Redshift Availability

Redshifts are needed to convert observed parameters into physical quantities. Spectroscopic followup programs at (sub)millimeter and optical/near-IR wavelengths are still ongoing (e.g., Harris et al. 2012; Bussmann et al. 2013; D. A. Riechers et al., in preparation). The existing redshifts are presented in Table 3, and we use these data to assign a secondary letter grade from 1 through 4: 1—redshifts available for both foreground lens and background SMG; 2—redshift only available for the background SMG; 3—redshift only available for foreground lens; 4—no foreground lens or background SMG redshift. Note that our focus is to study the lensed SMG, we assign a higher grade for systems with background source redshifts.

For Grade A3 and A4 systems, we estimate the lensed SMG redshifts by fitting a modified blackbody using fixed parameters of $T = 35 \text{ K}$ and dust-emissivity parameter $\beta = 1.5$ to the *Herschel*-SPIRE photometry, which is the typical average dust temperature for SMGs and the dust emissivity parameter used for dusty galaxies at high-redshift (e.g., Chapman et al. 2003; Kovács et al. 2006; Wardlow et al. 2011). These far-IR photometric redshifts have a large systematic uncertainty because of redshift-temperature degeneracy effects in the far-IR SED (Blain et al. 2004a) and should therefore be used with caution. This results to a minimum uncertainty of approximately $\Delta z \pm \sim 0.5$ for dust temperature

Table 3
Observed Properties of SMG Lens Candidates

Name	S_{250}^a (mJy)	S_{350}^a (mJy)	S_{500}^a (mJy)	S_{880}^b (mJy)	z_{source}	Ref.	z_{lens}	Ref.	Lens Grade
HELAISS04	131	102	58	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HELAISS01	129	116	81	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HELAISS02	114	101	76	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HXMM26	45	56	47	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HXMM14	98	98	78	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HXMM02	91	122	113	51.9	3.390	R14	1.350	W13	B1
HXMM13	55	88	94	...	4.45 ^c	R14	...	...	C2
HXMM20	85	79	67	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HXMM01	180	192	131	25.1	2.307	F13, W13	0.654	F13, W13	B1
HXMM04	143	136	93	...	...	...	0.210	W13	C3
HXMM09	127	114	83	...	...	...	0.210	W13	B3
HXMM03	120	131	110	...	2.72 ^c	R14	0.359	O08	B1
HXMM11	106	108	81	...	2.179	W13	...	...	C2
HXMM23	137	108	57	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HXMM28	27	47	87	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HXMM22	97	82	62	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HXMM19	43	67	70	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HXMM27	0	48	43	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HXMM05	105	119	91	...	2.985	R14	...	...	B2
HXMM12	102	110	81	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HECDFS08	104	67	54	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HECDFS03	83	118	113	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HECDFS05	155	131	84	...	...	...	...	...	A4
HECDFS09	77	66	51	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HECDFS11	45	52	42	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HECDFS04	73	86	85	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HECDFS02	133	147	122	...	...	...	...	...	A4
HADFS04	76	90	72	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HADFS02	57	78	75	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HADFS01	79	103	92	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HADFS09	115	61	24	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HADFS08	88	81	50	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HADFS03	138	114	73	...	...	...	...	...	B4
G09v1.97	260	321	269	86.8	3.634	R14	0.626	B13	B1
G09v1.124	241	292	230	50.0	2.410	H12	0.348	I13	C1
G09v1.1259	90	123	95	...	...	...	...	...	B4
G09v1.40	388	381	242	62.2	2.091	L14	...	...	A2
SDP.301	83	87	65	...	...	...	...	...	B4
SDP.127	119	99	59	...	...	...	...	...	B4
G09v1.326	141	175	139	18.6	2.581	H12	...	...	B2
HCOSMOS03	82	64	37	...	3.25 ^c	R14	...	...	C2
HCOSMOS02	71	64	41	...	2.497 ^c	R14	...	...	C2
HCOSMOS01	91	100	74	...	...	...	0.608	new ^d	A3
HLock15	102	87	73	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HLock05	71	102	98	...	3.42 ^c	R14	0.490	W13	C1
HLock04	190	156	100	32.1	...	...	0.610	W13	A3
HLock17	62	82	67	...	3.039 ^c	R14	...	...	C2
HLock02	53	115	140	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HLock11	97	112	80	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HLock06	136	127	96	...	2.991	R14	0.200	W13	A1
HLock08	142	119	84	...	1.699 ^c	R14	...	...	B2
HLock03	113	146	114	47.0	2.771 ^c	R14	...	...	C2
HLock01	402	377	249	52.8	2.956	R11, S11	0.600	O08	A1
HLock12	224	159	79	...	1.651 ^c	R14	0.630	O08	A1
G12v2.43	289	295	216	...	3.127	H12	...	...	C2
G12v2.30	289	356	295	...	3.259	H14	1.225	B13	A1
G12v2.105	197	178	110	...	...	...	...	...	B4
NB.v1.43	347	377	267	27.0	1.680	G13	0.997	...	A1
NA.v1.195	179	278	265	57.6	2.951	H14	0.786	B13	B1
NA.v1.177	264	310	261	51.8	2.778	K13	...	...	B2
NB.v1.78	273	282	214	46.0	3.111	R14	0.428	R14	A1
NA.v1.267	164	186	133	...	...	...	...	...	C4
G15v2.235	189	240	198	33.5	2.478	H12	...	...	C2

Table 3
(Continued)

Name	S_{250}^a (mJy)	S_{350}^a (mJy)	S_{500}^a (mJy)	S_{880}^b (mJy)	z_{source}	Ref.	z_{lens}	Ref.	Lens Grade
HEGS01	74	98	89	...	...	...	0.530	W13	C3
G15v2.779	115	191	204	90.0	4.243	O13, C11	...	...	C2
HBoötes09	69	81	60	...	2.895 ^c	R14	...	...	C2
HBoötes04	141	133	94	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HBoötes11	103	93	63	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HBoötes03	323	243	139	18.4	1.034	B06	1.034	B06	B1
HBoötes02	159	195	156	35.5	2.804	R14	0.414	W13	A1
G15v2.19	778	467	225	...	1.026	M13	0.218	M13	A1
HBoötes10	113	92	57	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HBoötes01	158	191	160	61.0	3.274	R14	0.590	W13	C1
HBoötes12	11	52	51	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HBoötes08	65	78	67	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HBoötes13	112	109	72	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HBoötes07	86	88	72	...	4.167 ^c	R14	...	...	C2
G15v2.481	141	157	130	...	...	...	...	...	B4
HELAISN01	123	129	88	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HELAISN04	80	97	78	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HFLS07	115	92	69	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HFLS03	98	105	81	...	...	...	0.160	W13	C3
HFLS05	40	75	74	...	4.286	R14	...	...	C2
HFLS02	164	148	86	...	...	...	0.560	W13	A3
HFLS08	86	93	67	...	2.264	R14	0.330	O08	A1
HFLS10	52	50	32	...	...	...	...	...	C4
HFLS01	107	123	98	...	...	...	...	...	C4

Notes. The following lists the reference key for redshifts: W13 = Wardlow et al. (2013); B13 = Bussmann et al. (2013); R14 = D. A. Riechers et al. (in preparation), M14 = Messias et al. (2014); O13 = Omont et al. (2013); C11 = Cox et al. (2011); H12 = Harris et al. (2012); H14 = A. I. Harris et al. (in preparation); I13 = Ivison et al. (2013); R11 = Riechers et al. (2011); S11 = Scott et al. (2011); O08 = Oyaizu et al. (2008); K14 = M. Krips et al. (in preparation); G13 = George et al. (2013); L14 = R. E. Lupu et al. (in preparation); and B06 = Borys et al. (2006).

The S_{250} , S_{350} , and S_{500} are flux densities measured from SPIRE photometry. S_{880} corresponds to the 880 μm flux density measured from SMA. z_{source} and z_{lens} refer to the redshifts of the background source and foreground lens, respectively. Lens Grade is the priority value assigned to the lensed candidate, discussed in Section 3.

^a Typical errors, which include confusion and instrumental noise on SPIRE photometry, are 7–10 mJy (Smith et al. 2012), which includes both statistical and confusion noise.

^b S_{880} is only available for sources that overlap with the sample from Bussmann et al. (2013). Typical errors for SMA photometry are $\sim 15\%$ of the measured S_{880} value.

^c Single line redshift measurement, using CO observations.

^d Based on Keck/LRIS observations, H. Fu et al. (in preparation).

variation of ± 10 K. Due to the inherent uncertainties associated with far-IR derived photometric redshifts, we do not use them in our analysis of the intrinsic properties of lensed SMGs (Section 5.3).

3.3. Near-IR Strong Lensing Identification Efficiency

Negrello et al. (2007) predicted that, in the regime where $S_{500} \geq 100$ mJy, the surface density of unlensed SMGs is extremely low, defining a flux density cut in which a large fraction of the observed source counts are strongly lensed. Out of our 87 targets, 28 satisfy $S_{500} \geq 100$ mJy and 9 of these are confirmed strong lensing events (Grade A). This yields an efficiency of $\geq 32\%$ at the average depth of our near-IR data (Section 2). The remaining 72% could be unlensed or have faint lensing morphologies that fall below our near-IR detection limits. In addition, our near-IR sample of candidate lensing systems with $S_{500} \geq 100$ mJy is incomplete and does not include SMGs from other studies observed at different depths and wavelengths (e.g., lensed SMGs from the H-ATLAS Science Demonstration Phase (SDP) sample; Negrello et al. 2014; Dye et al. 2014). For these reasons, we conclude that 32% is a lower limit for the near-IR lensing efficiency rate. If we also treat

the 11 Grade B candidates with $S_{500} \geq 100$ mJy as confirmed lensing events to determine an upper limit, the near-IR lensing efficiency rate increases to 71%. These limits are consistent with the predicted 32%–74% strong lensed fraction at $S_{500} \geq 100$ mJy from the statistical models of Wardlow et al. (2013). To get an idea how this efficiency can improve as a function of near-IR depth, the H-ATLAS SDP sample (Negrello et al. 2014; Dye et al. 2014), also observed using *HST*/WFC3 F160W with 5σ point source depths of > 26.8 mag using > 60 minute integration times, confirmed lensing to be present for all 5 candidate lensing systems with $S_{500} \geq 100$ mJy. For comparison, the Bussmann et al. (2013)’s sample of lensed SMGs with $S_{500} \geq 100$ mJy observed with the Sub-Millimeter Array (SMA), 25 out of 30 candidates (83%) with a depth of $5\sigma \sim 15$ mJy showing evidence of moderate to strong lensing in the submillimeter maps. Of the 12 sources with high-resolution near-IR data that are confirmed to be lensed ($\mu_{880} \geq 2$) in Bussmann et al. (2013), 6 are Grade A (NB.v1.78, HBoötes02, NB.v1.43, G09v1.40, HLock01, HLock04), 4 are Grade B (HXMM02, G09v1.97, NA.v1.195, HBoötes03), and the 2 remaining are Grade C (G09v1.124, G15v2.779).

The lower near-IR efficiency for identifying strong-lensing events relative to submillimeter confirmations is not surprising.

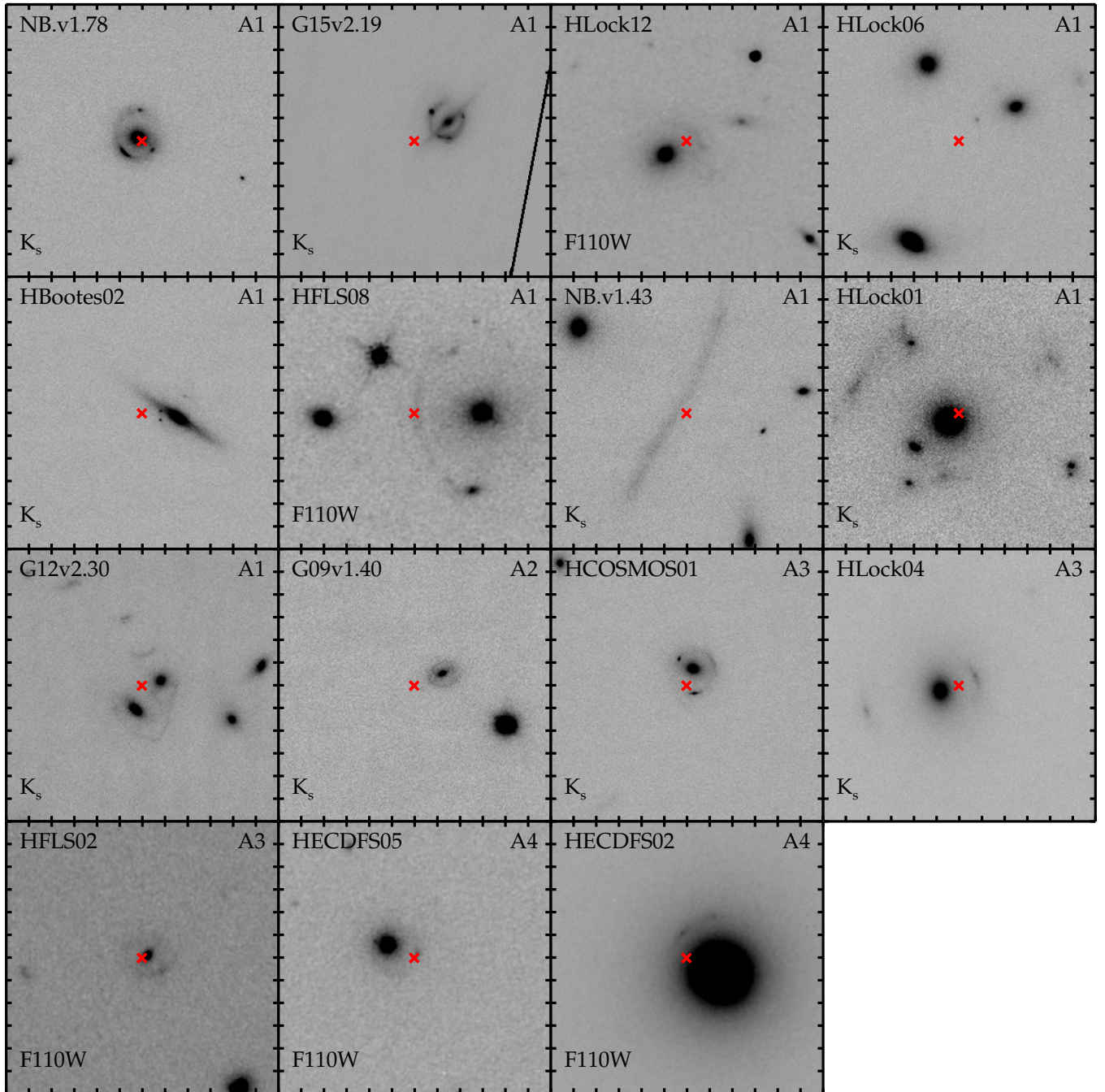


Figure 2. 12'' cutouts of all lens Grade A lensed SMGs, with each tick mark corresponding to 1'' and oriented with north being up and east being left. All have either been observed using Keck NIRC2-LGS-AO K_s or *HST*/WFC3 F110W. The red cross marks the measured *Herschel* position. Contrast levels are varied in each image to highlight the observed lensing morphology.

(A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

If a source is detected in both the submillimeter and the near-IR has two different spectroscopic redshifts, one can use small but significant offsets between the two images as evidence for lensing. This is useful in cases for which the observed submillimeter emission does not resemble convincing lensing morphologies (e.g., HXMM02, HBootes03). There are also different possibilities to explain the lower efficiency associated with near-IR lensing identifications, which include the background SMGs suffering from heavy dust-obscuration, being intrinsically faint in the rest-frame optical, or lying at a high redshift. A geometric argument could also be made for

the cause of non-detections, in which the near-IR emission is significantly offset from the submillimeter emission and the central caustic, thus lying in regions of low magnifications on the source-plane. In all alternative cases, this could lead to the observed near-IR emission from the background SMG to fall below our detection limits despite showing a bonafide lensing morphology in the submillimeter (e.g., G15v2.779; Busmann et al. 2012).

Figure 3 shows the cumulative frequency distribution of S_{500} for all the targeted sources with high-resolution near-IR data labeled with their associated grades.

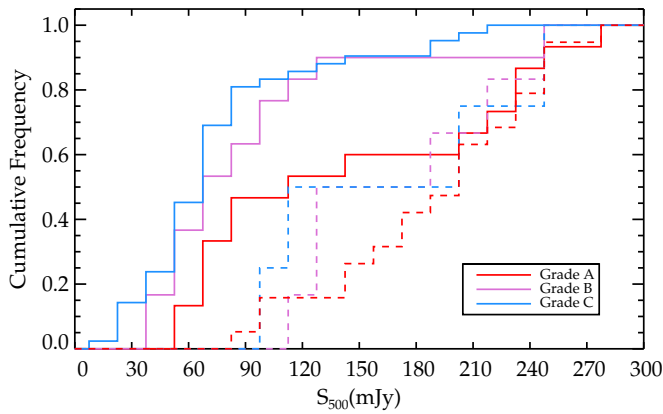


Figure 3. Cumulative frequency distribution of S_{500} flux densities for the near-IR subset of SMG candidate lensing systems. The solid red, purple, and blue lines represent Grade A, B, and C sources respectively. For comparison, the dashed lines are from the submillimeter sample from Bussmann et al. (2013), converted to the same near-IR grading scheme. Grade A sources tend to have smaller cumulative fractions than Grade B and C sources with increasing values of S_{500} , which supports the idea that $500\mu\text{m}$ bright sources have a higher probability of being lensed.

(A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

For comparison, we also show the SMA sample from Bussmann et al. (2013), where we convert the submillimeter grade to an equivalent near-IR grade.³⁰ In both studies, Grade A sources tend to have smaller cumulative fractions than Grade B and C sources with increasing S_{500} . Despite the lower efficiency of identifying lenses relative to the submillimeter, our near-IR candidate lensing system classification is consistent with the prediction that confirmed strong lensing events tend to be the brightest in S_{500} , having a median $S_{500} \sim 122$ mJy and 9 out of the 16 (56%) Grade A sources have $S_{500} \geq 100$ mJy. Grade B sources have a median $S_{500} \sim 85$ mJy (11/30 with $S_{500} \geq 100$ mJy, 37%) while Grade C sources have a median $S_{500} \sim 78$ mJy (8/42 with $S_{500} \geq 100$ mJy, 19%). The submillimeter sample from Bussmann et al. (2013) shows a contrasting result and have median S_{500} values of 214, 200, and 216 mJy for Grade A, B, and C sources (using the near-IR scheme), respectively. However, we note that this could be due to the smaller sample size (30 sources total, 20 Grade A, 6 Grade B, and 4 Grade C), and the larger applied flux cut ($S_{500} \geq 80$ mJy) to select the submillimeter candidate lensing systems.

4. LENS MODELS

4.1. General Methodology

For each lensing system we use *galfit* (Peng et al. 2002) to model the surface brightness profile of the foreground lens and subtract it from the image. We use Sérsic profiles on foreground galaxies that resemble an elliptical morphology and edge-disk profiles for edge-on disks (G15v2.19 and HBootes02). Foreground lens subtraction can also reveal close counter-images required to constrain the lens model (Cooray et al. 2011; Hopwood et al. 2011; Negrello et al. 2014; Dye et al. 2014). Any observed lensing features and nearby sources that are not associated with the lensing galaxy are masked out. The foreground lens subtracted image is then used as the input image for our lens modeling.

³⁰ The following describes the grading scheme conversion from this paper to Bussmann et al. (2013): A1 = A, A2 + A3 = B, B1 = C, A4 + B2 + B3 + B4 + C1 + C2 + C3 + C4 = X.

In cases where the emission from the foreground lens and background source are blended, we implement an iterative process in order to obtain an optimal lens model (Cooray et al. 2011). Using the *galfit* residual as the initial input, we derive a preliminary lens model. After achieving an acceptable fit (χ^2_v on the order of unity), we then subtract the lensed image of the model source from the original image. For the second iteration, we then use *galfit* on this “lensing morphology-subtracted” image, effectively isolating the surface brightness profile of the foreground lens and eliminating the need to mask out the lensing morphology. The updated foreground lens surface brightness profile from *galfit* is subtracted from the original data, which will then serve as the new input for our lens modeling. This iterative method to obtain an optimal foreground lens subtracted image yields a $\Delta\chi^2_v \sim 0.2$ – 0.3 difference from the preliminary lens model, which corresponds to a 3 – 5σ improvement. The best-fit model for these blended lensing systems typically converges after one or two iterations.

For gravitational lensing, the condition for strong lensing to occur is when the normalized surface mass density of the foreground lens, κ is greater than unity. In this paper, we assume a singular isothermal ellipsoid (SIE; Kormann et al. 1994) for κ , with the convergence at a point (x, y) in the image plane defined as

$$\kappa(x, y) = \frac{\Sigma}{\Sigma_{\text{crit}}} = \frac{\sqrt{1+q^2}}{2} \frac{b}{2q\sqrt{x^2 + y^2/q^2}}, \quad (1)$$

where Σ is the surface mass density, Σ_{crit} is the critical surface mass density, b is the critical or Einstein radius, and q is the axis ratio. The SIE profile has been found to reproduce observed configurations of galaxy–galaxy strong lensing events (see Treu 2010 for a recent review) and has been successfully used in modeling lensed SMGs (Fu et al. 2012; Bussmann et al. 2012, 2013; Hezaveh et al. 2013). The fitting parameters we use to describe the foreground SIE profile are the Einstein radius (b), distance from the measured *galfit* centroid ($\delta x, \delta y$) in R.A. and decl., ellipticity ($\epsilon_{\text{lens}} = 1 - q$), and the position angle (θ_{lens} , east of north). A parameter for the external shearing amplitude was also initially included in our analysis, but provided marginal to no improvement in the fit. In addition, our current data does not allow accurate redshift determination of any nearby foreground sources (with the exception of G12v2.30, which the effects of shear were accounted for by additional lensing profiles in Fu et al. 2012). For these reasons, we do not include shearing amplitude in our models and note that additional constraints are needed in order to properly quantify its effect on the lens models. The components of the background galaxy in the source plane are assumed to have Sérsic profiles (Sersic 1968). While the use of Sérsic profiles may oversimplify the morphology of the high redshift star-forming population, previous studies have shown that this approach provides useful information about their morphologies, such as intrinsic size, shapes, and orientations for both lensed and unlensed SMGs (Swinbank et al. 2010; Gavazzi et al. 2011; Targett et al. 2011, 2013; Aguirre et al. 2013). The fitting parameters of the background Sérsic profile are the flux (F), position ($\delta u, \delta v$) from the measured foreground lens center of mass, ellipticity (ϵ_{source}), position angle (θ_{source} , defined east of north), effective semi-major axis (a_{eff}), and the Sérsic index (n). For all systems, we start with the simplest model for the background galaxy (one source) and increase the components to check if this provides a significantly better fit ($\Delta\chi^2_v \geq 0.3$).

These model parameters are all varied consistently for each lensing system. In order to take advantage of the high-resolution

data, we adopt informative priors about the foreground lens, mostly given from the *galfit* subtraction. For the background source, we adopt uniform priors for every case. The Einstein radius is typically allowed to vary within ± 0.5 from a circular radius that encloses the observed lensing morphology. The lensing mass is centered on the measured *galfit* position of the foreground lens, which is varied within an area defined by the FWHM of the PSF. The ellipticities are allowed to vary from 0.0 to 0.8, and the position angles from -90° to 90° , with the initial values of both set to the midpoints of these ranges. The background galaxies are initially placed in perfect alignment with the foreground lens and are allowed to explore the position space within ± 0.75 times the Einstein radius, which is a valid assumption, since the detection of multiple counter-images is an indication that these sources are within the vicinity of the source-plane caustics. Indeed, the maximum observed offset from direct alignment between the foreground and background galaxy is 40% of the Einstein radius (HECDFS02). The effective semi-major axis length has an initial value of 0.3 with a minimum value of 0.01 and a maximum value of 1.00 , based on half-light radii measurements of unlensed SMGs at $z \sim 2.5$ (Chapman et al. 2003; Swinbank et al. 2010; Targett et al. 2011, 2013; Aguirre et al. 2013). Sérsic indices are allowed to vary from 0.10 to 4.00. The integrated flux in the lens model and the input image are normalized consistently before being compared and where there are multiple background components flux ratios are computed. For each lensing system, the total number of parameters is equal to $5 \times N_L + 7 \times N_S - 1$, where N_L and N_S represent the number of lens and source components, respectively.

With a given set of initial parameters for the image and source plane, we use *gravlens* (Keeton 2001) to generate a model of the lensed image. The model is convolved with the PSF to generate the expected observed image for each parameter set. This PSF-convolved model is then compared with the foreground lens subtracted image within the fitting region, shown as the green contours in Figure 4. These fitting regions are initially hand-drawn to enclose all the suspected lensing morphologies in the data. After a preliminary lens model is derived, the fitting region is regenerated to enclose all pixels with values $\geq 1\sigma$, measured from the data (no noise is present from the model). Defining the fitting region through this process serves three main purposes: first, it helps prevent the lens model from including pixels from the background which can make the fit insensitive and degenerate from varying the input parameters. This effectively makes the model fit for shot-noise dominated pixels. Second, it minimizes the under or over-subtracted regions from imperfect *galfit* subtractions that can cause the lens model to be fixated on these unwanted features. Third, it accounts for any counter-images predicted by the model but not accounted for by the data, reducing the bias in our fit.

The process of comparing the lens model to the data is iterated using the IDL routine *amoeba_sa*, which performs multidimensional minimization using the downhill simplex method with simulated annealing (Press et al. 1992) on the χ^2 function, defined as:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{x,y} \frac{(I_{\text{obs}}(x,y) - I_{\text{mod}}(x,y))^2}{\sigma(x,y)^2}, \quad (2)$$

where I_{obs} and I_{mod} is the surface brightness map of the observed and the model image, respectively, σ is the 1σ uncertainty map for the observed image that accounts for background and

shot noise, x and y are the pixel coordinates, and N represents the number of pixels enclosed in the fitting region. Typically, $N \sim 200$ for the least constrained systems (e.g., double) and $N \sim 1000$ for the most constrained systems (Einstein rings or giant arcs). Depending on how well constrained the lensing system is, the correct configuration for the observed lensing morphology is usually obtained after the first few iterations of *amoeba_sa* and the probability of accepting worse solutions decreases for each iteration due to the simulated annealing. The rest of the calls are then spent on performing an extensive search around the optimal solution with the given configuration. All parameters and calculated quantities are saved in each iteration and the 1σ confidence interval for the best fit model parameters are calculated from $\chi^2 - \chi_{\text{min}}^2 \leq 1$. We note that χ^2 is renormalized to minimize correlated noise between pixels. This is done by dividing the total number of pixels of the original unbinned χ^2 values from the original images by the square area of the PSF (Fu et al. 2012).

The near-IR magnification factor μ_{NIR} is calculated in the same manner as in Bussmann et al. (2013). Briefly, we integrate the model flux (F_{SP}) within elliptical apertures with the same orientations and ellipticities as the model but with double the semi-major axis length. Then, these source plane elliptical apertures are mapped on to the image plane using the foreground lens model and the image plane flux is integrated (F_{IP}). The magnification factor is then simply a ratio of the two integrated fluxes, $\mu_{\text{NIR}} = F_{\text{IP}}/F_{\text{SP}}$, and is representative of total from all background source components. We note that since our near-IR data is at a much higher resolution than in the submillimeter, changing the aperture size to equal the semi-major axis compared to double its value had little effect on the magnification value (within 10%).

To measure near-IR photometry, we use our fitting region to define the aperture and our results are listed in Table 6. The same aperture is also applied when measuring available multi-wavelength high-resolution near-IR data (Figure 13). Photometric statistical errors are measured by calculating the standard deviation of the total counts from non-overlapping background-dominated fields on the data, using the same sized aperture. A simple aperture correction is calculated by measuring the ratio of total counts from the lens model with and without the aperture. We divide the integrated flux densities by μ_{NIR} for each background source to obtain a magnification-corrected value.

4.2. Notes on Individual Lens Models

In this section, we provide notes on the basic characteristics for each lensing system with available lens models. We do not provide lens models for HLock01 and G12v2.30, as they have already been subjects of detailed studies from previous works (Gavazzi et al. 2011; Fu et al. 2012) and are also included in the submillimeter sample from Bussmann et al. (2013). The SMGs with lens models derived here are shown in Figure 4. The best-fit parameters along with the 1σ errors describing the foreground lens and the background source are presented in Tables 4 and 5. As a test for differential lensing and size comparison analysis in Section 5.1, we also generate lens models for the four new sources (NB.v1.78, HBoötes02, G09v1.40, and HLock04) that overlap with Bussmann et al. (2013), using the same foreground lens parameters reported in their paper, allowing the foreground lens position to vary within 0.3 to account for any astrometric offset between the near-IR and submillimeter data. The use of submillimeter derived foreground lens parameters generally yields poorer fits but is able to reproduce the observed

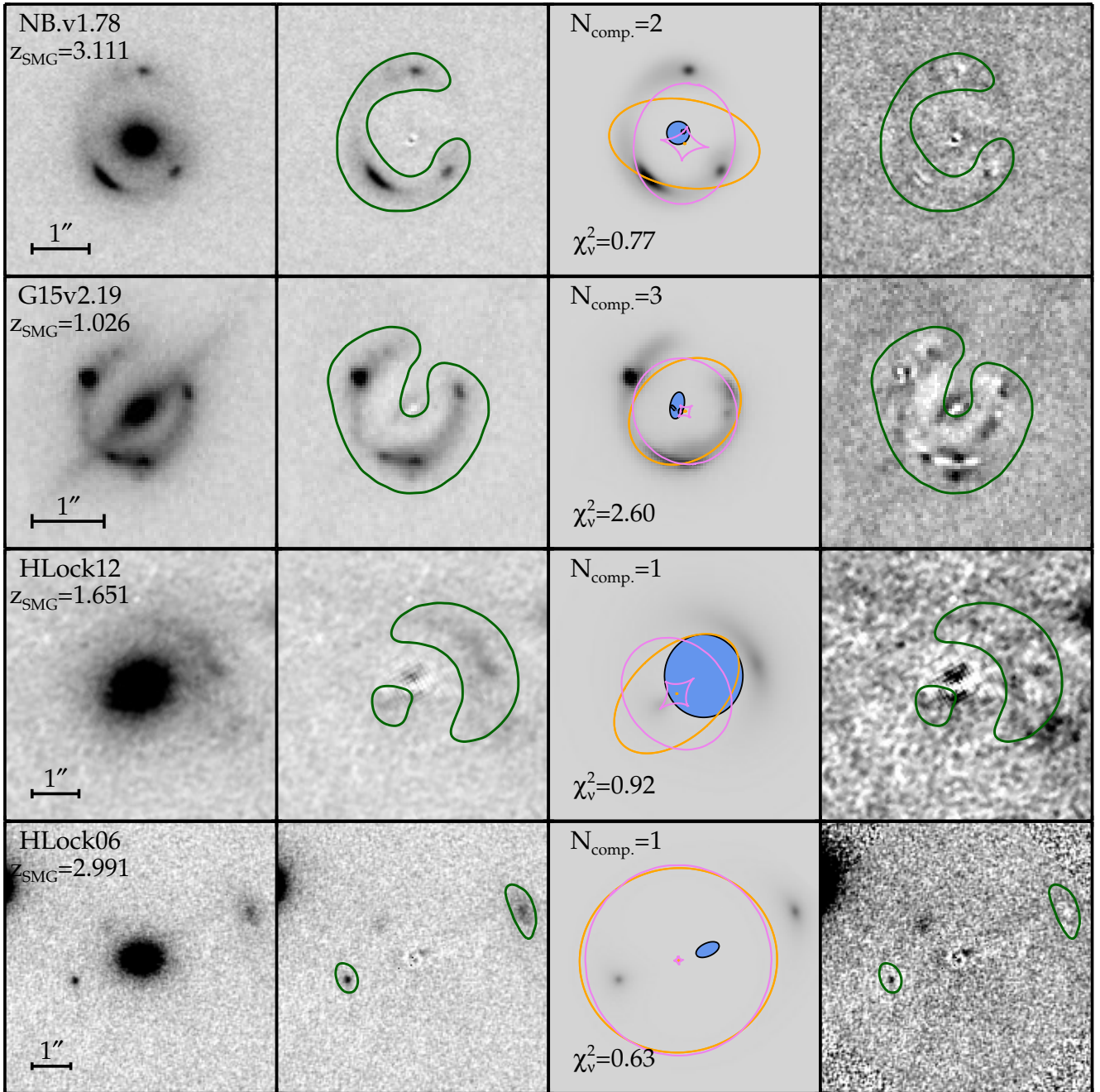


Figure 4. Near-IR lens modeling results of selected Grade A sources, oriented with north up and east to the left for all images. From left to right: postage stamp of observed image; foreground lens subtracted image; best-fit lens model; and the residual image. Green apertures enclose the final fitting region used. The orange and pink outlines trace the critical and caustic curves, respectively. Blue ellipses are the source plane models, displayed with the best-fit half-light semi-major axis, ellipticity, and position angle. Redshifts labeled with square brackets are photometric redshifts estimated from far-IR to submillimeter photometry and those without are spectroscopic. The third panel also lists the number of background components used in the best fit, denoted as N_{comp} and the reduced χ^2 , defined as $\chi_v^2 = \chi^2/N_{\text{DOF}}$. The residual image is shown at a narrower grayscale, which is 0.2 times the minimum and maximum pixel value of the original image in order to highlight under/over-subtracted regions.

(A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

near-IR lensing configuration. The lens models for this near-IR/submillimeter subsample are discussed on an object-by-object basis and shown in Appendix A, Figure 10.

NB.v1.78 (Grade A1). The K_s -band image shows a classic configuration observed when the background source lies on top of the caustic fold, the same configuration shown by the lensing system SDSS J0737+3216 (Marshall et al. 2007). The H -band image (Figure 13) shows a consistent configuration, but the

lensing morphology is fainter. The multiple, well-separated arcs, in addition to the incomplete Einstein ring strongly constrain the lens model. The best-fit lens model requires two background Sérsic profiles to account for a compact, brighter and extended, fainter, component. The best-fit model shows a compact source located off-center within an extended component, indicating an asymmetric morphology. Using a single component model yields a significantly worse fit ($\chi_v^2 = 1.50$) and fails to reproduce

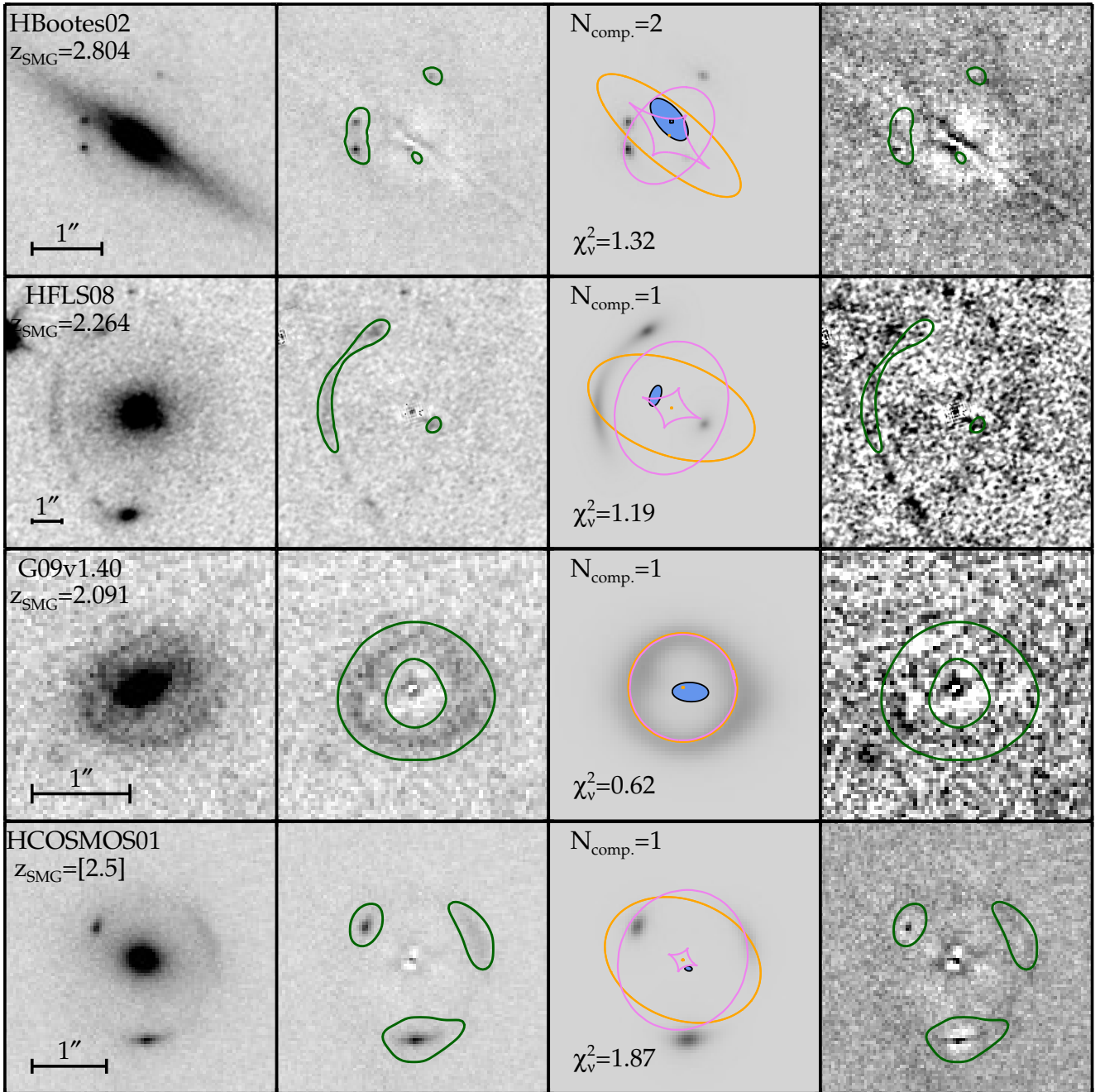


Figure 4. (Continued)

the extended Einstein ring. This source was also discussed in Bussmann et al. (2013), in which the SMA image reveal a similar configuration to the compact component in the K_s -band image. We measure a marginally lower magnification factor of $\mu_{\text{NIR}} = 10.8^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$, compared to $\mu_{880} = 13.0 \pm 1.5$ for the SMA data.

G15v2.19 (Grade A1). The observed lensing morphology features a quad-like configuration accompanied by an incomplete Einstein ring, observed in both H -band and K_s -band images. The background source is being lensed by an edge-on disk and has the most complicated background galaxy model in our whole sample, requiring three components. It has the poorest fit, $\chi^2_v = 2.6$, with both over- and under-subtracted regions that can be $\geq 5\sigma$. Using less than three components resulted in $\chi^2_v > 5$. This system serves as an example in which substructure

in the background source dominates, such that our assumed Sérsic profile is an inadequate description of the source. Furthermore, if all counter-images are resolved in the Keck data (as indicated by their angular sizes being larger than the Keck PSF), and if the observed emission from the individual knots are from the same source, then their surface brightnesses should be somewhat comparable, which is a property of the counter-images in the image plane (Kochanek et al. 1989). Instead, we observe the surface brightness to be significantly inconsistent relative to each other, which supports our hypothesis that the morphology of the background source is highly complex and the observed emission is due to multiple background components.

We regard our lens model as a simple solution that can serve as a basis for future analysis on this object. Our source-plane

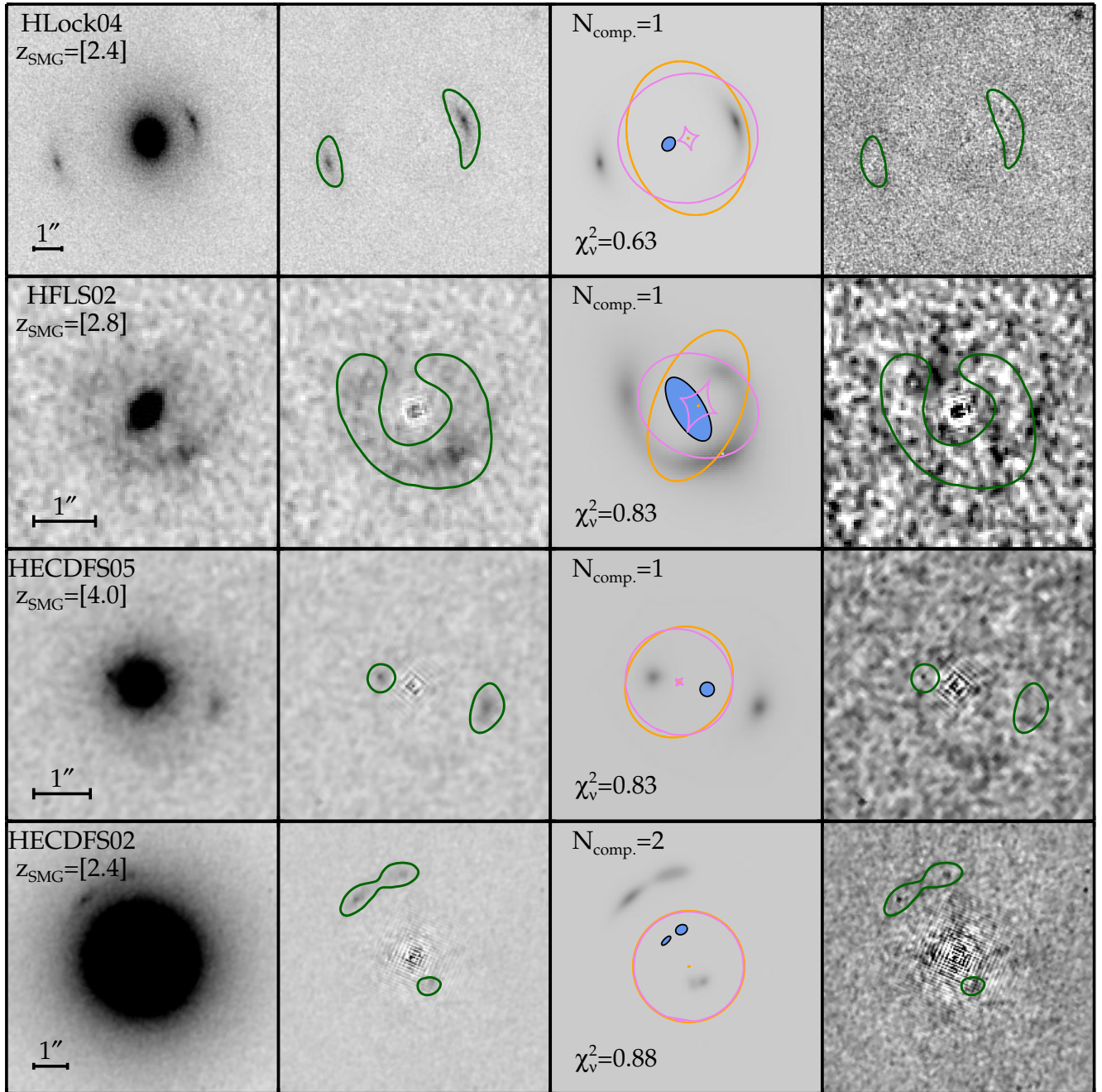


Figure 4. (Continued)

reconstruction consists of two compact objects separated by $\sim 0''.1$ within a third extended elongated source. The positions of the two compact objects forms quads and double images in the observations, in which one of the counter-images from each component converges at roughly the same position in the image plane to produce the brightest knot located in the north-east. The extended component straddles the caustic, causing the incomplete Einstein ring. Due to the poor fit and under-subtracted regions in the residual image, the error bars in the magnification factor we report, $\mu_{\text{NIR}} = 9.6^{+0.8}_{-0.3}$, are most likely underestimated, since the contribution for the complexity of the system is not included. For comparison, a more extensive analysis for this system is discussed in Messias et al. (2014), which features a semi-linear inversion approach (Warren & Dye 2003; Dye et al. 2008, 2014) in lens modeling

multi-wavelength data simultaneously.³¹ Between the two independent analyses, a qualitative comparison of the complex background source morphologies are fairly consistent and the differences in some of the resulting parameters are mainly due to differential lensing and foreground obscuration (shown in Figures 1 and 8 of Messias et al. 2014). In addition, our derived magnification factor of $9.6^{+1.0}_{-0.3}$ is consistent with their result of 8.9 ± 0.7 .

HLock12 (Grade A1). The subtraction of the bright early-type galaxy reveals a counter-image detected at 5σ located $1''$ east of the foreground lens. This constrains the lens model, which features a classic cusp configuration. The background SMG is

³¹ In Messias et al. (2014), G15v2.19 is identified as H1429–0028. For consistency with the other sources, we use the G15v2.19, as identified by H-ATLAS.

Table 4
Properties of the Foreground Lenses of Grade 1 Systems

Name	R.A. _{NIR}	Decl. _{NIR}	b (")	δx (")	δy (")	ϵ	θ (deg)	χ^2/N_{DOF}
NB.v1.78	13:30:08.513	+24:58:59.13	$0.944^{+0.002}_{-0.001}$	$0.018^{+0.001}_{-0.003}$	$-0.042^{+0.003}_{-0.001}$	$0.419^{+0.002}_{-0.007}$	$80.9^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	1455/1897
G15v2.19	14:29:35.212	-00:28:35.94	$0.738^{+0.002}_{-0.001}$	$0.027^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.044^{+0.002}_{-0.003}$	$0.208^{+0.005}_{-0.003}$	$-51.0^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$	5452/2097
HLock12	11:00:16.457	+57:17:34.96	$1.14^{+0.04}_{-0.07}$	$-0.15^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$	$-0.05^{+0.03}_{-0.05}$	$0.41^{+0.05}_{-0.08}$	132^{+7}_{-12}	2641/2871
HLock06	10:45:48.892	+57:45:12.99	$2.46^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$-0.14^{+0.03}_{-0.01}$	$-0.14^{+0.01}_{-0.03}$	$0.067^{+0.02}_{-0.005}$	94^{+2}_{-4}	415/656
HBoötes02	14:28:25.474	+34:55:46.84	$0.56^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$-0.201^{+0.005}_{-0.01}$	$0.084^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$	$0.68^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$50.7^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	227/172
HFLS08	17:15:44.502	+60:12:39.02	$1.95^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$	$-0.42^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$-0.38^{+0.07}_{-0.05}$	$0.46^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	-110^{+2}_{-1}	1630/1364
G09v1.40	08:53:58.864	+01:55:37.72	$0.56^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$0.0034^{+0.01}_{-0.001}$	$-0.01^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$0.0^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	-57^{+4}_{-1}	544/874
HCOSMOS01	10:01:44.183	+02:57:12.74	$0.91^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$-0.00^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$-0.01^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.26^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	67^{+2}_{-1}	1182/633
HLock04	10:38:26.742	+58:15:42.61	$2.403^{+0.01}_{-0.005}$	$0.080^{+0.001}_{-0.02}$	$-0.092^{+0.013}_{-0.003}$	$0.22^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	14^{+1}_{-1}	1268/2013
HFLS02	17:14:50.848	+59:26:33.83	$0.87^{+0.020}_{-0.05}$	$0.21^{+0.06}_{-0.01}$	$-0.01^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$0.46^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	-23^{+4}_{-3}	1644/1981
HECDFS05	03:26:36.449	-27:00:44.44	$0.96^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$	$-0.11^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$-0.10^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.12^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	-38^{+11}_{-11}	305/369
HECDFS02 ^a	03:37:32.359	-29:53:53.50	$1.6477^{+0.03}_{-0.05}$	$0.09^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$-0.10^{+0.01}_{-0.03}$	[0.0]	[0.0]	860/983

Notes. The following parameters discussed in Section 4.1 are used to describe the foreground lens: (R.A._{NIR}, Decl._{NIR}) = centroid of light from galfit subtraction, b = Einstein radius, (δx , δy) = centroid position of mass relative to light, ϵ = elongation, θ = orientation of mass profile (east of north), χ^2/N_{DOF} = χ^2 value and the number of degrees of freedom.

^a The ellipticity and position angle is fixed to assume a circular shape, since the best fit for the foreground lens converges to this lower limit if left as free parameters.

Table 5
Properties of the Background Lensed Galaxy for Grade 1 Systems

Name	Flux Ratio	δu (")	δv (")	ϵ_s	θ_s (deg)	a_{eff} (")	n	μ_{NIR}
NB.v1.78	...	$0.11^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.19^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.01^{+0.04}_{-0.02}$	-13^{+14}_{-13}	$0.188^{+0.01}_{-0.002}$	$0.37^{+0.07}_{-0.03}$	$10.8^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$
...	$0.22^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$0.017^{+0.002}_{-0.004}$	$0.211^{+0.004}_{-0.002}$	$0.015^{+0.036}_{-0.003}$	24^{+24}_{-22}	$0.0220^{+0.0019}_{-0.0006}$	$0.99^{+0.11}_{-0.06}$	...
HLock12	...	$0.6^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	$0.31^{+0.04}_{-0.1}$	$0.06^{+0.1}_{-0.02}$	-0.1^{+50}_{-10}	$0.9^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$	$2.6^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	$4.0^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$
HLock06	...	$0.75^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	$0.78^{+0.02}_{-0.04}$	$0.50^{+0.03}_{-0.1}$	114^{+4}_{-1}	$0.30^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$2.5^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	$6.9^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$
G15v2.19	...	$0.161^{+0.003}_{-0.003}$	$0.013^{+0.003}_{-0.004}$	$0.80^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	-136^{+2}_{-1}	$0.031^{+0.001}_{-0.002}$	$0.34^{+0.06}_{-0.03}$	$9.6^{+1}_{-0.3}$
...	$0.24^{+0.05}_{-0.02}$	$0.062^{+0.003}_{-0.004}$	$0.025^{+0.003}_{-0.01}$	$0.4^{+0.04}_{-0.1}$	1^{+17}_{-7}	$0.028^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$	$0.15^{+0.1}_{-0.01}$	...
...	$1.8^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$	$0.108^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.037^{+0.01}_{-0.004}$	$0.51^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	-11^{+2}_{-1}	$0.18^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.34^{+0.1}_{-0.02}$	...
HBoötes02 ^a	...	$0.04^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.20^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	[0.0]	[0.0]	$0.013^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	[0.5]	$5.3^{+1.4}_{-0.4}$
...	$1.7^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	$0.00^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.23^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$0.5^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	40^{+3}_{-1}	$0.35^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$2.0^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	...
HFLS08	...	$0.5^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	$0.6^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	$0.6^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	-19^{+30}_{-19}	$0.34^{+0.01}_{-0.05}$	$2.6^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	$7.7^{+1.6}_{-0.7}$
G09v1.40	...	$0.08^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.05^{+0.01}_{-0.03}$	$0.49^{+0.02}_{-0.06}$	87^{+6}_{-4}	$0.18^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.51^{+0.02}_{-0.04}$	$11.4^{+0.9}_{-1}$
HCOSMOS01	...	$0.08^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.12^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.4^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	76^{+25}_{-24}	$0.037^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$	$1.0^{+0.7}_{-0.2}$	9^{+5}_{-2}
HLock04	...	$0.69^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$	$0.714^{+0.02}_{-0.003}$	$0.27^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$-40.0^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	$0.24^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$2.0^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	$8.1^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$
HFLS02	...	$0.16^{+0.1}_{-0.02}$	$0.04^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	$0.58^{+0.03}_{-0.1}$	-148^{+9}_{-6}	$0.57^{+0.01}_{-0.1}$	$1.7^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	$7.4^{+0.5}_{-0.6}$
HECDFS05	...	$0.50^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$0.47^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$0.0018^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003}$	-168^{+4}_{-4}	$0.11^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$3.9^{+1.1}_{-0.5}$	$4.0^{+0.8}_{-0.7}$
HECDFS02	...	$0.67^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$	$0.02^{+0.01}_{-0.03}$	$0.7^{+0.0}_{-0.2}$	-44^{+21}_{-12}	$0.15^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.9^{+0.6}_{-0.2}$	$3.1^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$
...	$0.9^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	$0.22^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$0.58^{+0.02}_{-0.04}$	$0.25^{+0.12}_{-0.07}$	-61^{+28}_{-21}	$0.16^{+0.03}_{-0.01}$	$0.17^{+0.54}_{-0.02}$	...

Notes. The following parameters discussed in Section 4.1 are used to describe the background source: Flux Ratio = ratio of integrated flux, relative to the first listed component (fixed in the case of single components), (δu , δv) = background source position, relative to the centroid of the mass profile, ϵ_s = elongation of the background source, θ_s = orientation of the background source (east of north), a_{eff} = effective semi-major axis, n = Sérsic index, μ_{NIR} = near-IR magnification factor (represents the total value, with all subcomponents included).

^a Background component assumes a Gaussian point source.

extended with a half-light radius comparable to the foreground lens ($\sim 1''$). At $z = 1.7$, $1''$ is ~ 7 kpc, so this source is larger than the average for $z \sim 2.5$ SMGs (Aguirre et al. 2013; Targett et al. 2013, 2011; Swinbank et al. 2004; Chapman et al. 2003), although it is still consistent with other near-IR observations of SMGs at $z = 0.5$ – 1.5 (Mosleh et al. 2011). The *HST* image has multiple peaks in the arc, causing the residual image to contain under-subtracted regions. This could indicate the presence of substructure in the background source or the foreground lens. It is unlikely that the most prominent under-subtracted region, $\sim 2''$

southwest from the centroid of the arc emission, is associated with the background, since all variations of the lens model fail to reproduce any emission in this area, even when it is included in the fitting region and multiple components are allowed.

HLock06 (Grade A1). The lensing morphology of this source shows an arc to the west and a counter image to the east of the foreground lensing galaxy. The same features are also detected in the *HST* image (Figure 13). The lens model shows that the Einstein radius of the foreground lens is very extended compared to the observed emission, which could be due to

Table 6
Near-IR Photometry of Lensed SMGs

Name	F_{F110W} (μJy)	$\sigma_{F110W, \text{stat.}}$ (μJy)	$\sigma_{F110W, \text{tot.}}$ (μJy)	F_H (μJy)	$\sigma_{H, \text{stat.}}$ (μJy)	$\sigma_{H, \text{tot.}}$ (μJy)	F_{K_s} (μJy)	$\sigma_{K_s, \text{stat.}}$ (μJy)	$\sigma_{K_s, \text{tot.}}$ (μJy)
NB.v1.78	...	...	...	2.5	0.1	0.2	3.9	0.1	0.2
HLock12	3.5	0.4	0.7	...	...	...	...	...	...
HLock06	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.4	0.2	0.2
G15v2.19	...	...	...	14.17	2.5	2.5	12.4	1.0	1.7
HBoötes02 ^b	<0.12 ^a	...	...	<0.36 ^a	...	...	2.5	0.7	1.4
HFLS08	0.7	0.2	0.2	...	...	...	...	...	...
G09v1.40	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.3	0.13	0.22
HCOSMOS01 ^b	0.49	0.3	0.3	...	...	...	2.8	1.5	1.5
HLock04	0.5	0.1	0.1	3.0	0.5	0.5	6.1	0.2	0.5
HFLS02	1.0	0.1	0.2	...	...	...	...	...	...
HECDFS05	0.5	0.1	0.2	...	...	...	...	...	...
HECDFS02	0.9	0.1	0.2	...	...	...	...	...	...

Notes. The following columns describe the near-IR photometry: F = measured flux density, corrected for magnification, $\sigma_{\text{stat}} = 1\sigma$ error due to statistical noise, which accounts for the error in the background and magnification, σ_{tot} = Total noise, which accounts for both systematic and statistical errors. Systematic errors are dominated by the zero-point derivations from UKIDSS flux calibrations.

^a These values represent $3\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ limits.

^b The measured errors for these sources are dominated by the error in their magnification values.

overlapping mass profiles from the neighboring galaxies. However, additional mass profiles or adding an external shearing amplitude has little effect on the derived source morphology so here we present the simplest best-fit model using a single mass component. There is significant under-subtraction in the eastern counter-image, which is not reproduced even when multiple components are used. This could primarily be due to systematic effects in the data. It is also unlikely that the residual emission northeast of the foreground lens is associated with the background galaxy since the lens model also fails to reproduce any counter-images in this region.

HBoötes02 (Grade A1). The lens model for the submillimeter emission, which shows an incomplete Einstein ring, was discussed in Bussmann et al. (2013). A multi-wavelength analysis for this object will be featured in J. L. Wardlow et al. 2014 (in preparation). The K_s -band image shows an edge-on disk galaxy with an incomplete quad configuration, accompanied by faint, extended emission between the counter-images. The WFC3 F110W image shows no detections of the background source, while the detection in the NIRC2 H -band is marginal.

To model the background source, we consider both a one component point-source (circular Gaussian profile) and a two component model with a point-source and an extended Sérsic profile. The one component fit yields a $\chi^2_v = 1.42$ and reproduces all the observed features. However, the converged solution predicts the fourth undetected counter-image in the data to be detected at 10σ in the model. One possible explanation favoring this model would be severe obscuration from the edge-on disk. However, there is also EVLA radio observations of this system (Wardlow et al. 2013), which will not be affected by dust obscuration from the foreground lensing galaxy. In the EVLA data only the three near-IR luminous sources are detected, despite the sensitivity being high enough to detect the fourth image predicted by the single component model, if the flux ratios are as predicted. Therefore we consider it unlikely that the single component model is correct.

Furthermore, the two component model (shown in Figure 4) has a marginally improved fit, with $\chi^2_v = 1.19$ and has a configuration in which the fourth faint counter-image is faint and expected to be undetected ($<5\sigma$). This model also has some physical motivation, since the submillimeter data (Bussmann

et al. 2013) shows an extended component, interpreted as star-forming regions, while the radio data (Wardlow et al. 2013) show a point source, indicative of an AGN. Both AGN and star-formation can be bright in the near-IR, which is supported by the faint extended emission in the observed frame K_s -band data.

The center of the foreground mass profile is significantly offset from the stellar light profile ($\sim 0''.20$ or 1.2 kpc), but this separation could be due to the dust-lane partially obscuring the true center of the stellar emission or the foreground galaxy not being perfectly edge-on. The near-IR model also predicts a smaller Einstein radius ($0''.56 \pm 0''.01$ versus $0''.77 \pm 0''.03$) and magnification factor than the submillimeter lens model ($\mu_{\text{NIR}} = 5.3^{+1.4}_{-0.4}$ versus $\mu_{880} = 10.3 \pm 1.7$). We note that as it currently stands, it is difficult for both lens models to account for the different observed lensing morphologies in the near-IR and submillimeter. In order to constrain the lens model, data in which the extended DSFGs and the point-source AGN component are detected at high significance is needed.

HFLS08 (Grade A1). The *HST* image shows an arc-like morphology east of the foreground lens. A counter-image located southwest from the foreground lens centroid is also detected at $>5\sigma$ after surface brightness profile subtraction. Since there are multiple regions of emission that could all potentially be associated with the arc, we use an initial fitting region that encloses all the suspected features for our preliminary models. We also tried models in which the background galaxy is described by multiple components, or a two component mass profile. None of these solutions successfully account for the compact emission $\sim 3''$ south of the foreground lens. We are unable to produce a configuration that accounts for the faint regions northeast and southeast of the foreground lens shown in the residual image. Therefore, we consider it unlikely that these features are from the lensed galaxy. Spectroscopy is required to confirm whether all the emission is associated with the background SMG. Since a single background component provides the best fit to the lensed arc, that is the model that we retain, and that is presented in Figure 4.

NB.v1.43 (Grade A1). This object was presented in Bussmann et al. (2013) and George et al. (2013) and will be further analyzed in H. Fu et al. (in preparation). This object could potentially be lensed by a cluster, as discussed in Bussmann et al. (2013).

The K_s -band and H -band images (Figure 13) show a much more elongated morphology than the submillimeter data, but there is little curvature. The lack of additional counter-images and a central position for the lensing mass places very weak constraints on the configuration, so we do not provide a lens model for this source.

G09v1.40 (Grade A2). The lens model for the $880\ \mu\text{m}$ emission for this source was presented in Bussmann et al. (2013). The near-IR model for the background galaxy is a highly elongated, extended object with $a_{\text{eff}} = 0.18$, which is roughly three times the size of the submillimeter model. In the near-IR, the background galaxy is nearly in perfect alignment with the foreground lens, producing the observed Einstein ring. This configuration shows a slight contrast with the submillimeter data, which show two peaks in the emission which could represent a double configuration, as supported by their lens model. However, the near-IR magnification $\mu_{\text{NIR}} = 11.4^{+0.9}_{-1.0}$ is consistent with the SMA data, $\mu_{880} = 15.3 \pm 3.5$, which suggests that the lensing configurations are similar and the two peaks seen in the SMA map are likely a result of having poor spatial resolution compared to Keck AO.

HCOSMOS01 (Grade A3). The K_s -band image shows an incomplete Einstein ring in which three well-separated arcs are visible. The F110W image (Figure 13) shows a consistent configuration but appears to be fainter. Only one component is required to reproduce the observations and using multiple components results in only a marginal improvement in the fit. The wide range of magnifications ($\mu_{\text{NIR}} = 9^{+5}_{-2}$), is due to the compact size of the background galaxy ($a_{\text{eff}} \sim 0''.04$) and its location relative to the caustics. The residual image shows areas of under and over subtraction, also reflected by a relatively poor fit $\chi^2_v = 1.86$, indicating that the Sérsic profile could be an over-simplified model to describe the background SMG or be due to systematic effects in the data.

HLock04 (Grade A3). The double arc lensing morphology of HLock04 is detected in both the near-IR and submillimeter, which makes it ideal for multi-wavelength studies. This morphology is consistent in the J , H , and K_s , but is brightest at the K_s -band, shown in Figure 13. We calculate a slightly higher magnification factor of $\mu_{\text{NIR}} = 8.1^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$ compared to $\mu_{\text{NIR}} = 6.17 \pm 0.03$ from Wardlow et al. (2013), but is consistent in the submillimeter ($\mu_{880} = 7.1 \pm 1.5$; Bussmann et al. 2013). This is likely due to the background galaxy being located outside, near the central caustic, which is a region with a steep magnification gradient (Hezaveh et al. 2012). A slight positional offset between the two lens models could then cause a significant change in magnification value.

HFLS02 (Grade A3). This object was included in the supplementary sample of Wardlow et al. (2013). The *HST* imaging shows an asymmetric Einstein ring lens morphology that suffers blending with the foreground lens. The residual image shows areas of under-subtraction, which could be either due to the presence of substructure in the source plane or left-over emission from the foreground lens. This is also a rare case in which the background source has a larger angular size than the foreground lens.

HECDFS05 (Grade A4). Subtracting the foreground lens emission reveals a counter-image ($>7\sigma$) east of the foreground lens, exhibiting a double configuration. The residual image shows an under-subtracted region to the south of the foreground lens, which could be an arc. However, the low signal-to-noise feature is not reproduced in the lens modeling and may not be part of the lensed SMG. The source plane reconstruction

shows a strongly magnified ($\mu_{\text{NIR}} = 4.0^{+0.8}_{-0.7}$), compact ($a_{\text{eff}} = 0.11 \pm 0.01$), spherical ($\epsilon_s \sim 0$) galaxy.

HECDFS02 (Grade A4). This source was discussed in Wardlow et al. (2013) and we present an updated lens model in this paper. The *HST* image shows an arc with two knots northeast of the foreground lens. We detect a counter-image at $>10\sigma$ after subtracting the foreground lens. The best-fit lens model contains two background sources of similar size ($\sim 0''.15$), with their centroids separated by $\sim 0''.4$. The SPIRE colors suggest a redshift of 2.4, which corresponds to two ~ 1 kpc objects separated by ~ 3 kpc. Both background sources are distorted by the lensing galaxy to produce a double configuration in the image plane, where the fainter counter-image of both sources are in the same region and blended in our data. Leaving the ellipticity as a free parameter in the two-component model consistently caused it to converge to zero ($\epsilon = 0$ corresponds to circular symmetry), which is the lower limit, so we fix this parameter to this value in our best-fit model. The background source is reminiscent of merger-like systems presented in Figure 2 of Chapman et al. (2003). A single-component model gives a slightly worse fit ($\chi^2_v = 1.2$), which yields a mass profile that is significantly elongated ($\epsilon \sim 0.6$) in contrast to the rounder light profile ($\epsilon \sim 0.1$) and a cusp configuration similar to HFLS08.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1. Differential Lensing and Source Sizes

Differential lensing is caused by spatial variations within the background galaxy, which, if they have different colors or SEDs, effectively corresponds to different wavelength regimes. This effect is more pronounced in galaxy–galaxy lensing than cluster lenses because of the steeper gradients of the magnification factors mapped onto the source plane. Recent simulations predict the effect of differential lensing in galaxy–galaxy SMG systems (Hezaveh et al. 2012; Serjeant 2012), but few observations studies have successfully measured it (Gavazzi et al. 2011; Fu et al. 2012; Dye et al. 2014). In order to measure the effects of differential lensing, a consistent mass profile to describe the foreground galaxy must be applied on lens modeling multi-wavelength data sets of the same background source. Here, we search for evidence of differential lensing by comparing the submillimeter lens models (from Bussmann et al. 2013) with our near-IR lens models. Figure 5 compares μ_{NIR} with μ_{880} for the systems in our sample that are also in Bussmann et al. (2013), where we show both our best-fit near-IR magnifications, and the values calculated using the same foreground lens parameters from submillimeter data. To verify that the difference in lens modeling methods between the near-IR and the submillimeter is not a dominant source of error, we also model submillimeter data from Bussmann et al. (2013) and are able to recover consistent magnifications values. The results of applying submillimeter foreground lens parameters on near-IR data are summarized in Figure 5 and Table 7. For comparison, we also show the lensed SMGs with both near-IR and submillimeter magnification measurements from Dye et al. (2014), Fu et al. (2012), Gavazzi et al. (2011), and Bussmann et al. (2013).³² Our overlapping sample has $\mu_{\text{NIR}} < \mu_{880}$, in most cases, with

³² Differential magnification for G12v2.30 was measured in Fu et al. (2012) by applying the near-IR foreground lens parameters in the submillimeter. However, we note that an updated model for this source was discussed (Bussmann et al. 2013), due to additional SMA EXT data. The studies of SDP lenses featured in Dye et al. (2014), HLock01 in Gavazzi et al. (2011), and Bussmann et al. (2013) use independent foreground lens parameters.

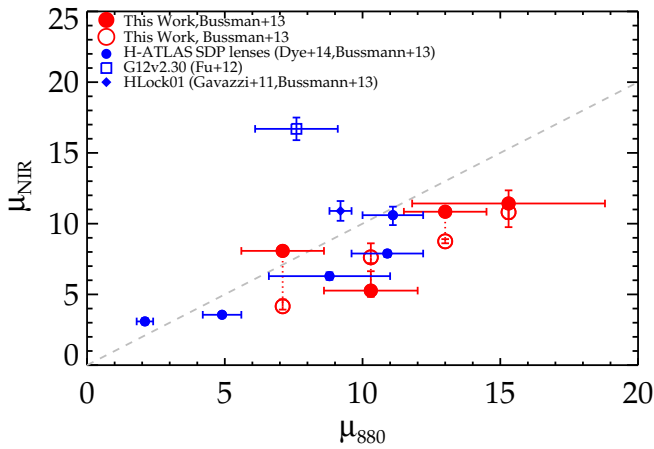


Figure 5. μ_{NIR} vs. μ_{880} . Filled symbols are magnification values from independent near-IR and submillimeter lensing analyses. Open symbols denote best-fit lens models using consistent foreground lens parameters in the near-IR and submillimeter. For our work, we fix submillimeter lens parameters from Bussmann et al. (2013) to our near-IR data. The blue circles, diamonds, and square are near-IR data points from Dye et al. (2014), Gavazzi et al. (2011), and Fu et al. (2012), respectively, with the corresponding submillimeter magnifications from Bussmann et al. (2013), if available. The dashed line shows one-to-one correspondence between μ_{NIR} and μ_{880} . Most sources lie below this line, with $\mu_{\text{NIR}} < \mu_{880}$. Differential magnification is observed and is likely due to spatial variations or a morphological difference between the near-IR (stellar) and submillimeter (dust) emission.

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Table 7
Properties of Background Galaxies Using Submillimeter
Foreground Lens Parameters

Name	ϵ_s	a_{eff}''	μ_{NIR}	χ^2_ν
NB.v1.78	$0.11^{+0.04}_{-0.02}$	$0.24^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$8.8^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$	1.08
...	$0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$	$0.035^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	...	...
HBootes02	[0.0]	$0.010^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$7.6^{+1}_{-0.4}$	1.75
...	$0.4^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	$0.33^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$	...	...
G09v1.40	$0.51^{+0.03}_{-0.1}$	$0.18^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	10^{+1}_{-1}	0.63
HLock04	$0.3^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	$0.38^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$4.2^{+0.5}_{-0.2}$	1.27

$\mu_{880}/\mu_{\text{NIR}} \sim 1.5$ on average, providing observational evidence of differential lensing $500 \mu\text{m}$ selected galaxies. This result is likely due to the fact that the selection preferentially identifies sources that have boosted submillimeter fluxes and this bias is weakened in the near-IR. Therefore, in cases where magnification factors can only be measured in one regime, caution should be used when interpreting physical quantities at other wavelengths. However, it is also important to note that the measurement uncertainties are often greater than the average effect of differential magnification (e.g., stellar masses have systematic uncertainties from 2 to 5; Michałowski et al. 2010, 2012a; Wardlow et al. 2011; Targett et al. 2013; Simpson et al. 2013).

Lensing magnification values are generally negatively correlated to intrinsic sizes of the lensed background source. Therefore, Figure 5 could suggest that the near-IR emission regions in lensed SMGs are larger than submillimeter emission regions in the source plane. Physically, this could imply that the lensed DSFGs have clumpier morphologies than the older stellar distribution. We further explore this, by showing in Figure 6 the circularized effective radius ($r_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{a_{\text{eff}} b_{\text{eff}}}$) of the most extended background component in our near-IR models compared with the submillimeter emission. Indeed, in most cases the dust

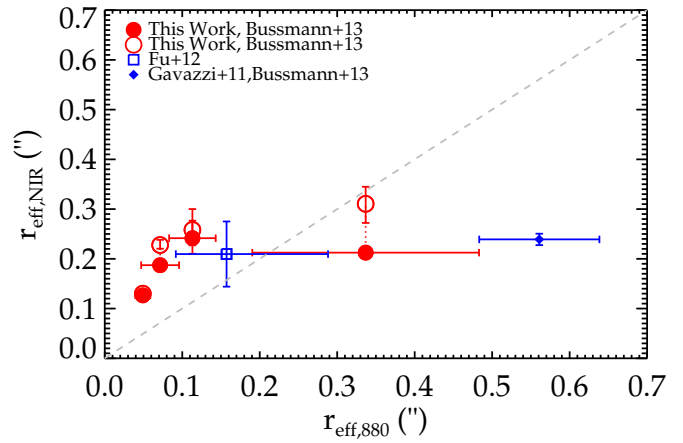


Figure 6. Intrinsic effective radii of lensed SMGs in the near-IR compared with $880 \mu\text{m}$. Filled symbols are from independent analyses in the near-IR and submillimeter. Open symbols denote consistent foreground lens parameters between the near-IR and submillimeter. Here, the foreground lens parameters are fixed to those derived from the submillimeter (Bussmann et al. 2013). Most of the SMGs lie above the line of one-to-one correspondence (dashed line), showing that their dust emission is typically less extended than the rest-frame optical (likely stellar) emission. This is consistent with the observed differential magnification (Figure 5), and suggests that smaller emission regions are generally more highly magnified.

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emission does appear to originate from a smaller region than the stellar light (as proxied by the observed frame near-IR data).

It is difficult to assess whether the disagreement at larger values of $r_{\text{eff},880}$ is generally true for lensed SMGs. Lensed sources that are intrinsically extended in the submillimeter are also less magnified, which means a lower probability for detection in near-IR observations. HLock04 is the only source from our analysis with a smaller measured intrinsic size in the near-IR relative to the submillimeter, which could be due to the uncertainty in the observed submillimeter lensing configuration as discussed in the Appendix A. The results of Figures 5 and 6 could be a direct consequence of the bias that exists in selecting lensing events in the submillimeter. Simulations predict that detections of submillimeter selected gravitationally lensed galaxies are subject to an angular size bias toward the most compact emission regions that are both comparable to the size of, and near the source-plane caustics (Hezaveh et al. 2012; Serjeant 2012; Lapi et al. 2012). The bias toward compact submillimeter sources translates to larger values of μ_{880} . However, this effect is reduced in the near-IR and hence contributes to the deviation from the one-to-one correspondence line in Figure 5. If this bias has the same effect on sources that are less amplified, more extended sources in the submillimeter (Bussmann et al. 2013), then it is possible that our result in Figure 6 could also hold true for larger values of $r_{\text{eff},880}$.

Spatially resolved radio and gas/dust continuum observations (Chapman et al. 2004; Biggs & Ivison 2008; Ivison et al. 2008; Tacconi et al. 2008; Engel et al. 2010) of SMGs have measured the emission due to star-formation to be as extended as ~ 10 kpc. This is also in agreement with high-resolution submillimeter observations (Younger et al. 2008, 2009; Hodge et al. 2013). While in the near-IR regime, SMGs have a typical size range of 2–4 kpc (Swinbank et al. 2010; Targett et al. 2011, 2013; Aguirre et al. 2013). For our sample of lensed SMGs that overlap in the near-IR and submillimeter, we calculate a median intrinsic physical size of ~ 2 kpc in the near-IR, compared to ~ 1 kpc in the submillimeter (Bussmann et al. 2013). These results are in

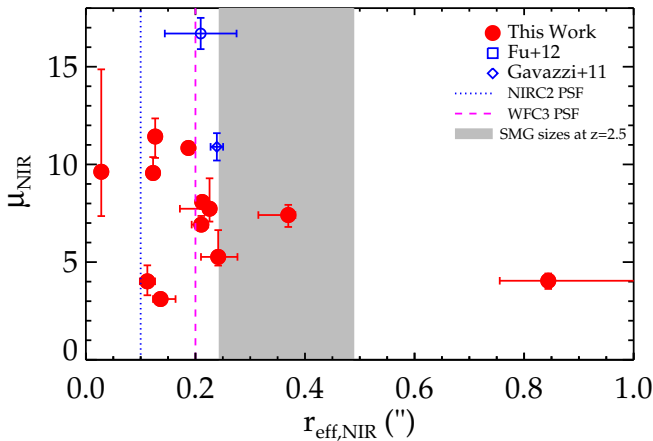


Figure 7. Magnification and intrinsic effective radius in the near-IR for lensed SMGs. For sources with multiple components, we plot the most extended component. Vertical dashed lines show typical spatial resolutions of our NIRC2-LGS/AO and *HST* F110W WFC3 data. The gray shaded region covers the range of 2–4 kpc for unlensed 880 μm selected SMGs at $z = 2.5$, based on high resolution near-IR analyses of Swinbank et al. (2010); Targett et al. (2011, 2013), and Aguirre et al. (2013). A size bias for submillimeter selected lensing systems is observed in the near-IR, in which compact sources typically have larger magnifications. The near-IR emission for *Herschel*-selected lensed SMGs is generally more compact than previous size measurements of unlensed classical SMGs.

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contrast to the larger values of the previous findings but could also be demonstrating one of the main drawbacks of galaxy-scale lenses. The area of high magnification in galaxy-scale lenses is smaller compared to cluster-scale lenses, so it is entirely possible that only a sub-region of the total emission in both near-IR and the submillimeter is being amplified and detected. Future high-resolution submillimeter observations using the full capabilities of the Atacama Large Millimeter Array with sub-arcsecond spatial resolutions ($0''.10$ – $0''.4$) will be able to confirm this by measuring the sizes of star-forming clumps in unlensed SMGs.

Figures 5 and 6 also give a measure of the variation of μ_{NIR} and a_{eff} from performing lens models independently (i.e., without using 880 μm parameters). On average, using 880 μm foreground lens parameters to derive magnification factors and intrinsic sizes are in agreement relative to our independent analysis to within $\sim 30\%$. Less deviation is observed in the magnification measurements when the lensing morphology provide strong constraints and show similar configurations in both the submillimeter and near-IR.

The analysis of *Herschel*-selected SMGs in Bussmann et al. (2013) confirmed the angular size bias present in submillimeter selected lensing systems. We investigate whether this bias also affects near-IR observations of lensed SMGs in Figure 7, where we show the observed near-IR magnification factors against the intrinsic size of the lensed galaxy. For objects with multiple components, we use the one with the largest angular size. We find a hint of negative correlation between magnification factors and size, albeit with large scatter, but consistent with simulations and submillimeter observations.

In Figure 7 we also highlight sizes of $0''.24$ – $0''.48$, which corresponds to 2–4 kpc at $z = 2.5$, the range measured for the observed-frame near-IR median sizes of 880 μm selected unlensed SMGs (Chapman et al. 2003; Swinbank et al. 2010; Aguirre et al. 2013; Targett et al. 2013). Few of our targets are more extended than this, and most are smaller than

$0''.24$. If 500 μm selected lensed SMGs are evolutionarily similar to unlensed 850 or 880 μm selected galaxies (as is likely, since the sample from Bussmann et al. (2013) have $S_{880} \geq 4$ mJy, when corrected for magnification, comparable to the classical SMG selection; also, see Section 5.3 for a discussion), then it appears that the lensed galaxies are preferentially those with the smallest near-IR emission regions. Thus, it appears that the submillimeter selection method, which is biased toward the highest submillimeter fluxes, and therefore highest submillimeter magnifications and smallest intrinsic submillimeter emission region (Bussmann et al. 2013) also selects the galaxies with the most intrinsically compact near-IR emission regions. This follows from Figure 5, which shows a correlation between μ_{NIR} and μ_{880} .

In our sample of lensed SMGs, we calculate a median intrinsic size of 2.3 kpc for sources with secure redshifts and if we include sources with photometric redshifts derived from SPIRE colors (Grade A3 and A4 sources), this number is reduced to 1.9 kpc. If we also assume that the photometric redshift subset have a redshift range of $z = 1$ –4 (Chapman et al. 2005; Chapin et al. 2009; Wardlow et al. 2011; Wardlow et al. 2013; Michałowski et al. 2012b; Yun et al. 2012; Simpson et al. 2013; Umehata et al. 2014), the maximum angular size scale variation is ~ 1.5 kpc arcsec $^{-1}$, which we use to constrain a minimum and a maximum median intrinsic size of 1.66 and 2.03 kpc for our whole sample. This difference is not significant, given the large uncertainties associated with photometric redshifts. These values are smaller than the median sizes previously found for 850 μm selected SMGs in the near-IR ($r_{\text{eff}} = 2.5$ – 2.7 kpc, Aguirre et al. 2013; $r_{\text{eff}} = 4.0$ kpc, Targett et al. 2013, $r_{\text{eff}} = 3.1$ kpc, Targett et al. 2011; $r_{\text{eff}} = 2.3$ – 2.8 kpc, Swinbank et al. 2010). Although the smaller measured intrinsic size could be due to the submillimeter size bias, our study of lensed SMGs is performed at spatial resolutions well above the observational limitations of the current near-IR facilities. Therefore, if we are observing the total near-IR emission from the background source, it could represent the typical size scales for this galaxy population.

5.2. Morphological Comparison with Previous Near-IR Studies of SMGs

Previous studies of SMGs in the rest-frame optical have revealed a variety of morphologies. Aguirre et al. (2013) identified that five out of 10 SMGs from their sample observed with *HST*/WFC3’s F110W and F160W band have multiple components. The stellar mass ratio calculations of these multi-component SMGs showed that they could be associated with major and minor mergers. In contrast, the same study found that some of their most massive SMGs are single-component systems and have morphologies that resemble hydrodynamic simulations of rapidly star-forming galaxies (Davé et al. 2010). In agreement with this picture are the near-IR observations of unlensed SMGs in Targett et al. (2011) and Targett et al. (2013), in which SMGs appeared to be compact star-forming disks and are simply extreme examples of normal star-forming galaxies at $z \sim 2.5$. Many factors can provide an explanation for this discrepancy: varying levels of dust-obscuration in the rest-frame optical that gives rise to distinct observed morphologies (Swinbank et al. 2010); SMGs or their substructure having intrinsic sizes that are either comparable or smaller than the measured seeing could cause them to appear smoothed; or SMGs could simply be a heterogeneous sample with different galaxy formation mechanisms.

The boost in both flux and spatial resolution from gravitational lensing should reduce some of the limiting factors present in previous studies, provided that there are no significant morphological differences between $500\,\mu\text{m}$ selected and $850\,\mu\text{m}$ selected SMGs. Indeed, this assumption is justified since Bussmann et al. (2013) shows that the majority of the $500\,\mu\text{m}$ selected lensed SMG sample observed in $880\,\mu\text{m}$ have magnification corrected flux densities consistent with $S_{880} \geq 4\,\text{mJy}$. Of the 12 systems with lens models featured here, four are best fit with multiple components in the source plane. In three of these systems (NB.v1.78, HBoötes02, G15v2.19) the rest-frame optical SMG consists of a smaller component embedded in a larger one. We note that these multiple component systems also place a lower limit on the size of substructure ($0''.02 \sim 0.2\,\text{kpc}$ at $z \geq 1$) found in lensed SMGs, which would otherwise not be readily detected with current instrumentation.

These compact components could be interpreted as SMGs hosting an optically bright AGN, small regions of star-formation embedded in a larger galaxy, or the remnants of a merger. Our findings suggest that near-IR studies of unlensed SMGs described as single components could have complicated morphologies that are unresolved even when using instruments that offer the highest spatial resolution. The morphologies of the SMGs in Aguirre et al. (2013) could support this claim, given that all their single component SMGs are unlensed and four out of five with multiple components are lensed by a nearby cluster. We also note that HECDFS02 is similar to the SMGs shown in Chapman et al. (2003); however a more accurate redshift and velocity information for each individual component is needed to confirm if this source is indeed in the process of a major-merger.

The remaining eight gravitationally lensed galaxies in our Grade A sample are composed of a single component that dominates the surface brightness profile of the background source, consistent with the axisymmetric models in Targett et al. (2011, 2013); Aguirre et al. (2013) and simulated SMGs in Davé et al. (2010). We note that five systems have excess flux in the residual images, which could be due to some substructure in the background galaxy, although our data cannot robustly determine whether this, or substructure in the foreground lens is responsible. The median Sérsic index for the subset that are best fit with a single component is $n \sim 2.5$, a significant deviation from the disk-like morphologies in Targett et al. (2013; $n \sim 1.5$) but comparable with the measured values from Swinbank et al. (2010; $n \sim 2.0$). However, we note that the statistical uncertainties associated with the best-fit Sérsic indices, which are on the level of 10%–30% is likely underestimated since it does not account for the assumptions used in the lens modeling that can affect the morphology of the background source, such as the shape of the PSF or the assumed mass profile.

5.3. Rest-frame Optical Photometry

Given the average redshift of our sample ($z \sim 2.5$) and the fact that half of the Grade A sources we present are only observed in a single near-IR band, it is impossible to derive well-constrained physical quantities (e.g., stellar masses) without making sweeping assumptions about the effects of dust extinction, different star-formation histories, and inferred mass-to-light ratios of the near-IR SED. Instead, we opt to report observable quantities to minimize sources of systematic uncertainty and aim to use this paper as a starting point for future studies once sufficient multi-wavelength data have been acquired. The rest-frame wavelength range in the observed J and

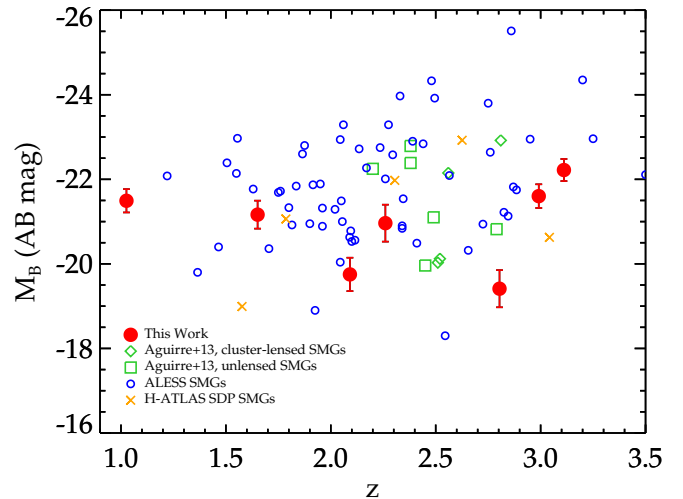


Figure 8. Rest-frame magnification-corrected absolute B -band magnitudes (M_B) for Grade A1 and A2 candidates vs. redshift. Open diamonds and squares represent cluster-lensed and unlensed SMGs from Aguirre et al. (2013), respectively. Open circles are unlensed ALESS SMGs from Simpson et al. (2013). The M_B values for lensed SMGs are consistent with unlensed SMGs at $z > 1$, but tend to lie toward the fainter end of the distribution.

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K band of our Grade A candidate lensing systems with secure redshifts (Grade A1 and A2) corresponds to $\sim 0.3\text{--}0.6\,\mu\text{m}$. We use SMG SED templates from Michałowski et al. (2010) and our measured magnification corrected photometry, listed in Table 6, to extrapolate the rest-frame B band ($\lambda = 0.450\,\mu\text{m}$) flux density. To measure the uncertainty of our extrapolated B -band magnitudes, we perform the same calculation using the near-IR data from the H-ATLAS SDP sample in Negrello et al. (2014) and calculate the scatter between the values using our fitting method and from their best-fit SED. On average, we find that the extrapolated B -band values are in agreement within 0.2 mag and show this as part of the errors shown in Figures 8 and 9. For sources with one near-IR band, we simply normalize the SEDs to the observed datapoint and quote the average redshifted B band flux density and the standard deviation as an additional source of error.

Figure 8 shows that the magnification-corrected B -band absolute magnitudes (M_B) for our lens Grade A1 and A2 sources are consistent with both $880\,\mu\text{m}$ and $500\,\mu\text{m}$ selected unlensed and lensed SMG samples (Simpson et al. 2013; Negrello et al. 2014; Aguirre et al. 2013), with our sample typically on the fainter end of the distribution. We obtain a similar result in Figure 9 if we compare magnification corrected $500\,\mu\text{m}$ flux densities. For sources that have a lens model from Bussmann et al. (2013), we use the submillimeter magnification factors to correct for the observed S_{500} , otherwise we use the values from the near-IR lens modeling. Our sample typically has intrinsic $S_{500} \leq 20\,\text{mJy}$, which corresponds to the $\sim 3\sigma$ limit (confusion and instrumental noise) for unlensed SMGs (Swinbank et al. 2014). This result is likely due to the benefits of flux amplification from lensing, which allows fainter objects to be detected at a higher significance. Although we find that lensed SMGs are on average intrinsically fainter in the rest-frame optical and far-IR compared to the unlensed populations, they are consistent with the observed flux distribution. This adds further evidence that the lensed SMGs in this paper are lensed analogs of the unlensed population, consistent with the findings of Harris et al. (2012) and Bussmann et al. (2013).

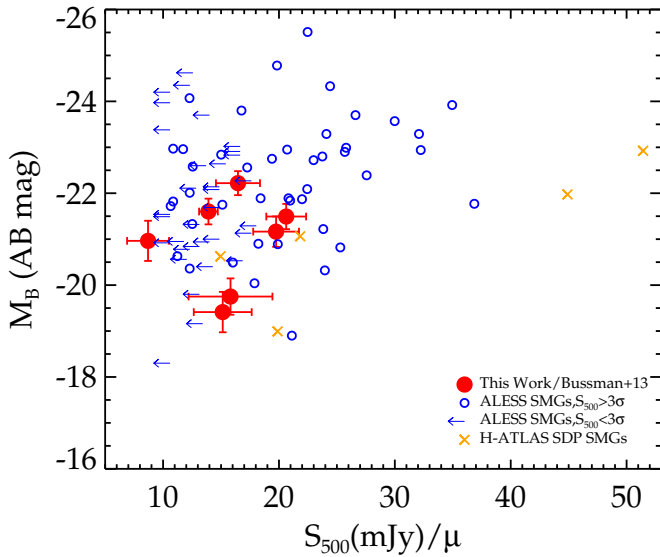


Figure 9. Rest-frame magnification-corrected absolute B -band magnitudes (M_B) for Grade A1 and A2 candidates vs. magnification corrected SPIRE S_{500} . We use the submillimeter magnification from Bussmann et al. (2013) when available to correct for the observed S_{500} . Open circles are unlensed ALESS SMGs from Swinbank et al. (2014) and Simpson et al. (2013). Our sample of lensed SMGs have consistent S_{500} values for a given M_B relative to the unlensed population, suggesting that *Herschel*-selected lensed SMGs are similar to classical unlensed $850\ \mu\text{m}$ bright SMGs.

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6. CONCLUSIONS

We have obtained deep, high-resolution near-IR imaging that traces the rest-frame optical emission of 87 $500\ \mu\text{m}$ bright candidate lensing systems. The main results from our studies are:

1. Out of the current sample of 87 candidate lensing systems, 15 have definitive features of lensing and are highly prioritized for analysis, with nine, one, three, and two having existing redshifts for both foreground lens and background source (Grade A1), the background source (Grade A2), the foreground lens (Grade A3), and neither (Grade A4), respectively. We find that the Grade A sources typically have larger $500\ \mu\text{m}$ flux densities (median $S_{500} \sim 120\ \text{mJy}$) than their lower priority counterparts, with median $S_{500} \sim 90$ and $80\ \text{mJy}$ for Grade B and C sources, respectively. This is expected from the selection method, since galaxies with larger submillimeter flux densities have a higher probability of being lensed. We find that 32% of the sources with $S_{500} \geq 100\ \text{mJy}$ are classified as Grade A, demonstrating a lower success rate in identifying strong lensing events than spatially resolved submillimeter studies of *Herschel* SMGs (Bussmann et al. 2013; $\sim 80\%$). This is likely due to the rest-frame optical emission suffering heavy dust-obscuration, as well as the varying depth in our observations, being significantly spatially offset from regions of high-magnification in the source plane, or because *Herschel*-selected SMGs are typically at high redshift.
2. We generate lens models for 12 Grade A systems to derive near-IR magnification factors and reconstruct the morphologies of SMGs. Our lensed SMGs have an average magnification factor of $\mu_{\text{NIR}} = 7 \pm 3$ and typically have rest-frame emission that extends out to angular sizes of $0''.3$, which is $\sim 2\ \text{kpc}$ at $z \geq 1$. For sources with multiple

components, we calculate an upper limit of $0''.02$ ($0.2\ \text{kpc}$ at $z \geq 1$) for the size of substructures within the background galaxy. These angular sizes have been measured as lower limits from previous studies of the unlensed SMGs. While these smaller angular sizes could represent the typical size scales for this galaxy population, it could also be due to the lensing of a subregion that is located near areas of high magnification in the source plane. Future simulations using lens models of mock data with known sizes should resolve this degeneracy.

3. For the subset of sources that overlap with Bussmann et al. (2013), we derive near-IR magnification factors using foreground lens parameters derived in the submillimeter. Differential lensing is observed in all cases, with $\mu_{\text{NIR}} = \mu_{880}/1.5$, typically. A size comparison reveals that the near-IR background source models are generally two times more extended than their submillimeter counterparts in the same galaxies. This indicates that the lensed stellar emission regions in SMGs are typically more extended than the lensed dust emission regions, in the same galaxies.
4. The rest-frame absolute B -band magnitude values and $500\ \mu\text{m}$ flux densities, both corrected for magnification, show that the lensed SMGs are intrinsically similar to unlensed SMGs from previous studies, but with our sources typically at the fainter end of the distribution.

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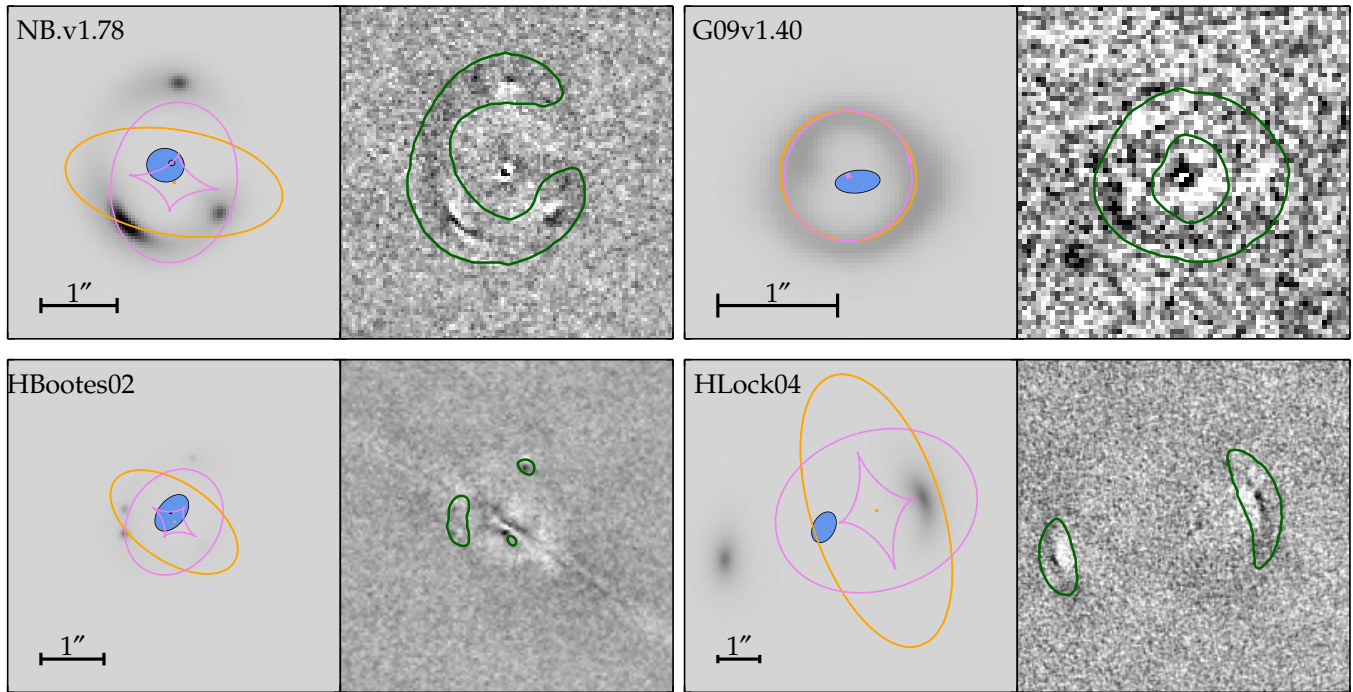


Figure 10. Lens models of the lens Grade A subsample that overlaps with Bussmann et al. (2013), with the foreground lens parameters fixed to submillimeter derived values. The images are displayed at the same scale as their Figure 4 counterparts. North is up and east is left for all the panels.

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APPENDIX A

LENS MODELS USING SUBMILLIMETER PARAMETERS

In this section we describe the lens models shown in Figure 10 and summarized in Table 7 for four sources that also have submillimeter data. We fix their foreground lens parameters to submillimeter derived values (Bussmann et al. 2013) as a test for differential magnification as discussed in Section 5.1.

NB.v1.78. The near-IR data is more poorly fit, with $\chi_v^2 = 1.08$ compared to $\chi_v^2 = 0.77$ for our original solution. The lens model is able to reproduce the configuration demonstrated by the brightest knots, similar to the submillimeter emission. However, it fails to fully account for the extended emission producing the fainter Einstein ring.

HBootes02. A similar configuration with an incomplete quad can be reproduced using submillimeter foreground lens parameters. However, the position of the northern counter-image is offset by $\sim 0''.1$, which is a significant offset, since it is comparable to the size of the NIRC2 PSF. The orientation of the extended component in the source plane compared to the original model is significantly different, offset by $\sim 90^\circ$. This could indicate that the observed configuration of the fainter extended emission in the image plane causes the lens model to be poorly constrained.

G09v1.40. A consistent result compared to our original near-IR model is obtained if we instead model the system using submillimeter foreground lens parameters. We measure a marginally lower magnification ($\mu_{\text{NIR}} = 10.8^{+0.9}_{-1.1}$), although is comparable to the submillimeter magnification value ($\mu_{880} = 15.3 \pm 3.5$).

HLock04. The overall fit is significantly degraded ($\chi_v^2 = 1.27$ compared to the original $\chi_v^2 = 0.63$) when submillimeter foreground lens parameters are used. However, this is because

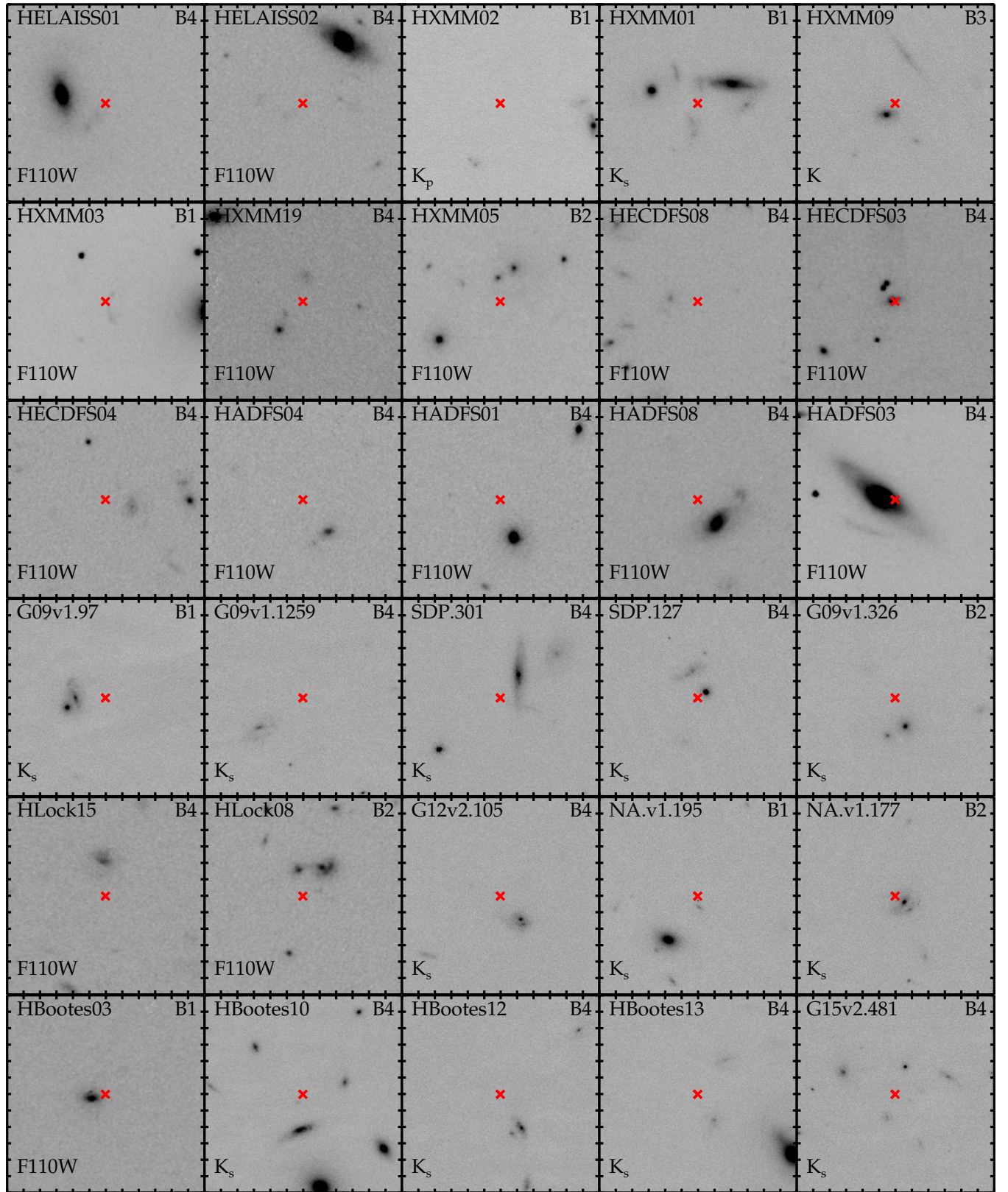


Figure 11. Near-IR images of Grade B sources, oriented with north being up and east being left for all images. Each tick mark is $1''$ and the size of each panel is $12''$. The near-IR band and the complete lens grade are shown in the lower left and upper right corners, respectively. The red crosses represent the measured *Herschel* position.

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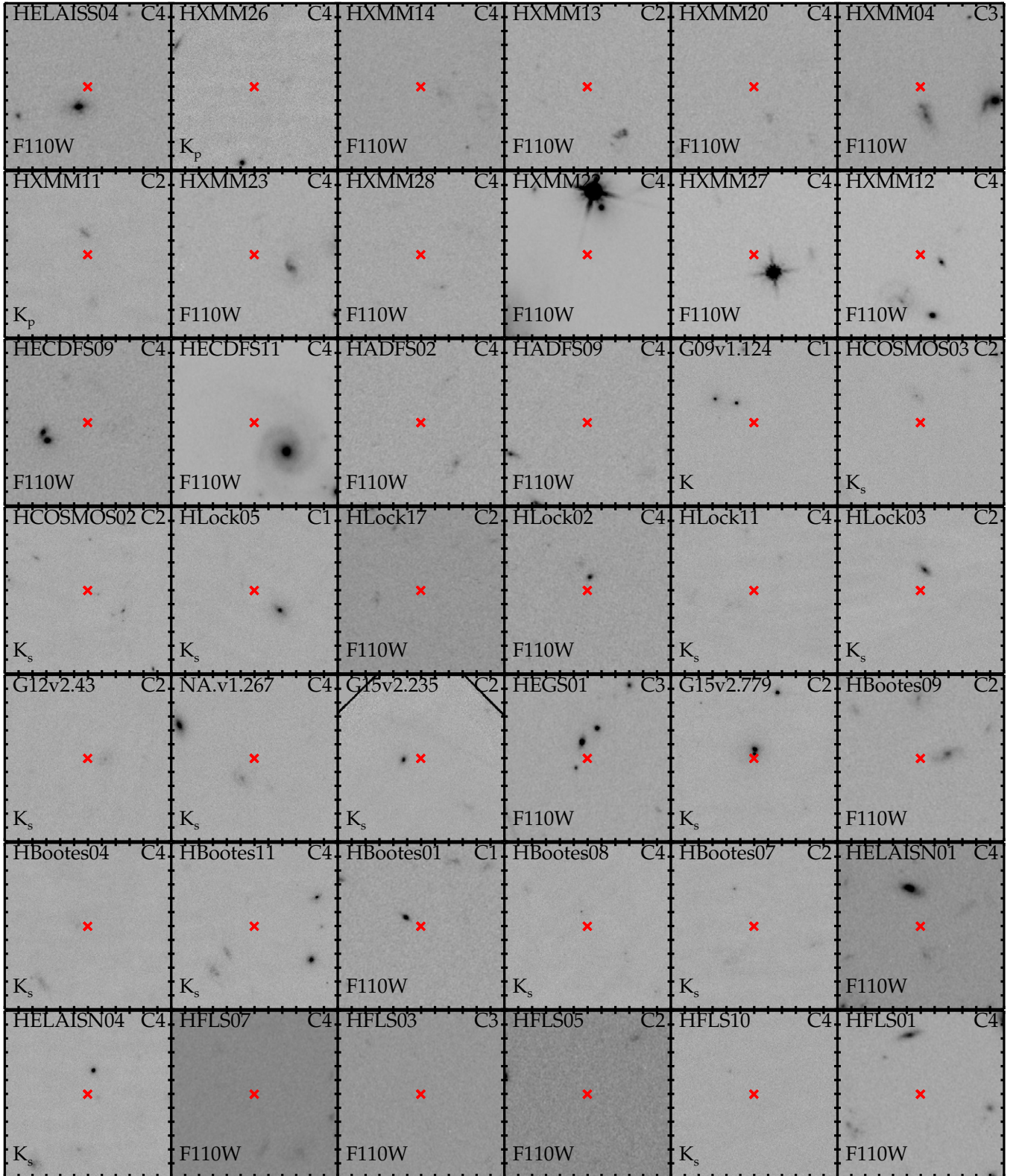


Figure 12. Near-IR images of Grade C sources, oriented with north being up and east being left for all images. Each tick mark is $1''$ and the size of each panel is $12''$. The near-IR band and the complete lens grade are shown in the lower left and upper right corners, respectively. The red crosses represent the measured *Herschel* position.

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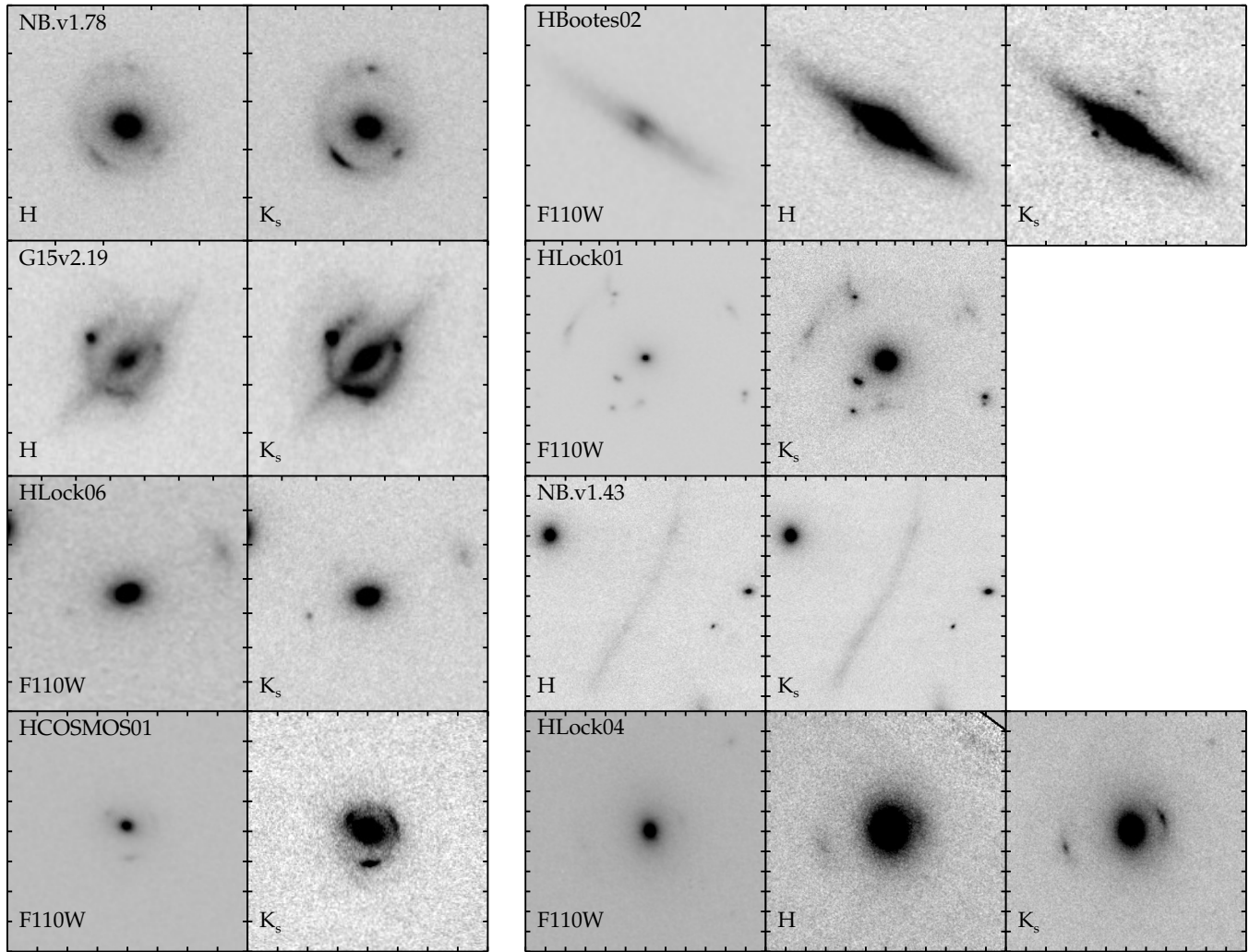


Figure 13. Multi-wavelength high-resolution near-IR for Grade A lensed SMGs, oriented with north being up and east being left for all images. The near-IR band is labeled on the lower left corner. Each tick mark represents 1''. All images are scaled to have consistent brightness units.

the larger beam size of the 880 μm image shows a configuration that is less constrained. While the near-IR image shows a clear double arc configuration, the submillimeter image is more ambiguous and the model from Bussmann et al. (2013) statistically favors the cusp-configuration.

APPENDIX B

SUPPLEMENTARY NEAR-IR IMAGES

In Figures 11 and 12 we show high-resolution near-IR images of Grade B and C sources, respectively. Figure 13 shows the currently available high-resolution multi-wavelength near-IR data for Grade A sources, which we use to measure near-IR photometry.

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